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Mortgage warning

Tax shock for sick or jobless homeowners

BY ROBERT MILLER

UP TO two million homeowners could face an unexpected tax bill if they are made redundant or fall ill, after a government ruling that payments received under mortgage protection policies are taxable.

The ruling, in a letter to mortgage lenders, comes just as the Government is urging all borrowers to take out this form of insurance because of cuts in state support for people who lose their jobs or are too ill to work.

From October, new borrowers will have to wait nine months before receiving any income support to help with mortgage payments, and the Government warned immediately after last year's Budget that people taking out a mortgage after then would need to make private arrangements to protect their payments. Lenders have also been encouraging homebuyers to take out the insurance to ensure that mortgage payments are not missed.

But now a circular letter to mortgage lenders from Roger Evans, Under Secretary for Social Security confirms that payments made by insurance companies under such policies will be taxable at the recipient's highest tax rate.

This means that about two million people with this type of insurance may need to increase their premiums or they could still find themselves unable to meet their monthly payments once tax has been deducted from any money they receive from the insurance companies.

People who make claims under permanent health insurance policies are allowed the first year's "income" tax free, and the Council of Mortgage Lenders is now appealing to the Government to make a similar concession to mortgage protection policies.

The council, which has been lobbying for the retention of income support for homebuyers, has already claimed that the high cost of private insurance would stop people moving. The council was also concerned that the disabled, single parents, the self-employed and small businessmen might all find it difficult to get such insurance.

In February, Adrian Coles of the Council of Mortgage Lenders, said: "Repossessions were very high last year at 50,000. If there is no official help to get us through this difficult phase in the housing market respossessions will inevitably rise again."

The Chancellor said some leeway would be given to those who found it difficult to get private insurance, but there were still doubts that any provision would be enough to close the gap.

In his letter, Mr Evans says that the insurance companies will act as the tax collectors if policyholders have to make a claim. He states: "Insurance companies should deduct this tax from mortgage protection policy benefits if they are annual payments and should pay the tax to the Inland Revenue."

In this context "annual" payments means policies that can cover mortgage payments for up to 12 months in case of redundancy and for up to 24 months should the borrower be unable to work due to accident or sickness. It is not clear whether any borrowers who have made claims in the past face bills for tax arrears.

Gary Marsh, of the Halifax building society, Britain's largest mortgage lender, said: "This is yet another blow to an already very fragile housing market. A lot of people who may need to claim on their insurance policies will find there is a shortfall in their monthly mortgage payments. This could lead to a build-up of arrears and make such policies much more expensive."

Mortgage protection insurance to cover a £50,000 repayment loan costs about £26 a month; top-rate taxpayers would need to pay another £10 a month to cover their potential tax bills.

Mark Boleat, director general of the Association of British Insurers, said: "With the Government expecting the private sector to provide the safety for homeowners, it is vital that it reviews its proposals as a matter of extreme urgency."

An estimated two million homeowners have mortgage protection policies and 30 per cent of new borrowers are taking it out. As the Government's income support cuts take effect, even more of Britain's ten million borrowers will seek additional protection.

In his Budget last year, Kenneth Clarke said that until now the taxpayer had picked up the interest bill too readily.

Dudley and friends say farewell to Peter Cook



Dudley Moore (top right), Ian Hislop (top left), Richard Ingrams (centre left), John Cleese (left) and Alan Bennett (above)

Happy memories of jokes and genius

BY JOE JOSEPH

EVERYONE loved Peter Cook, wrote Auberon Waugh after Cook's death in January, "and for once," *Private Eye*'s former editor, Richard Ingrams, reminded the 800 who attended Cook's memorial service yesterday, "he spoke for us all".

Ingrams' remark — spicing inconsolable affection with a joke — set the tone for the service at St John's Parish Church in Hampstead, north London, attended by almost every recognisable funny man in Britain, bar the runaway Stephen Fry.

Alan Bennett, who vaulted to fame with Cook in the *Beyond The Fringe* revue, recalled that when following Cook on stage he would "be handed an audience so weak with laughter that I could do nothing with it". Bennett added that while admirers of Cook's languid genius often felt he was somehow robbed of glory when he did not go on to become a Hollywood star like his former stage partner, Dudley Moore, Cook himself was always contented.

"The only regret he regularly voiced," Bennett said in his tribute, "was that at the house we rented in Connecticut in 1963 he saved David Frost from drowning."

Ingrams assured us that Cook — a man who could weave manic fantasy from the most unpromising thread, even unsought nightly tappings on his bedroom window by Greta Garbo — was "without malice to anyone, although he did admit to pursuing an irrational vendetta against the late, great Gracie Fields".

Before an audience speckled with friends and fans — his widow Lin Chong, Dudley Moore, Barry Humphries, John Cleese, Michael Palin, David Frost, Spike Milligan

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Britain resists Iran trade ban

Britain has come under strong pressure to join the American embargo on trade and investment with Iran but has refused to do so and industry is ready to pick up the Iranian orders made available by the ban. British officials said yesterday that since the Edinburgh European Union summit in 1992, Britain and its European Union partners had had a "critical dialogue" with Tehran including frank exchanges on Iranian support for terrorism .....Page 14

Belfast shooting victim's damages

Markievicz Gorman, 21, a passenger in a joyrider's car shot and injured by paratroopers in 1990, is understood to have received a five-figure sum in settlement of her claim for compensation from the Ministry of Defence at Belfast High Court .Page 2

Conflict as Balkans ceasefire expires

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

FRESH outbreaks of fighting in the Balkans brought new fears of warfare on a broad front yesterday as a United Nations-sponsored ceasefire expired.

Efforts by Yasushi Akashi, the senior UN envoy in the region, to stave off a summer of heavy fighting in Bosnia ended in frustration in Sarajevo.

In central Croatia several thousand Croatian troops, backed by more than a dozen tanks and co-ordinated artillery support, attacked separatist Serbs in the central region of the country at dawn yesterday. Two Croatian MiG planes bombed a Serb-held bridge in the south of the country yesterday evening, the UN said, but talks between the two sides continued in Zagreb last night. This was the fiercest combat in Croatia since a ceasefire more than three years ago.

In response Croatian Serb rebels seized 115 UN personnel — 36 civilian policemen and 79 peacekeeping troops from Nepal and Argentina. The Serbs also confiscated their bullet-proof vests and radio equipment.

Meanwhile, in Sarajevo, snipers claimed the city's first casualties a few hours after the four-month truce expired at noon: two women were shot dead in separate incidents while walking along an exposed road. Both women were walking from the city centre to the outlying suburb of Dobrinja.

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21 Barings executives step down

BY OUR CITY STAFF

TWENTY-ONE executives have resigned from Barings, the merchant bank brought to the brink of collapse by huge trading losses in the Far East.

The executives, who were responsible for the Singapore operation, include ten at the London head office, three in Singapore and seven in Tokyo. Peter Norris, who had already stepped down as chief executive of Baring Investment Bank, has also quit.

Until yesterday, only Peter Baring, the chairman, and his deputy, Andrew Tuckey, had resigned over the £860 million losses.

A Bank of England report into the affair is expected to be published next month.

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Blair vows to limit union role in party

BY JILL SHERMAN AND PHILIP BASSETT

TONY BLAIR is to launch a fresh assault to curb the power of the unions in the Labour Party by cutting their block vote at the annual conference from 70 per cent to 50 per cent before the next general election.

The Labour leader, determined to keep up the reform momentum after his victory on the redrafting of Clause Four, is also planning a shake-up of the party's National Executive Committee, which would give the unions less say in policy-making.

The new organisational changes will be accompanied by a policy push launched yesterday by Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, when he set out radical new plans to make Labour the party of the consumer. Mr Blair has decided to capitalise on his win last Saturday by speeding up moves to modernise the party. However, his prompt action angered some trade unionists and the party's Left, and John Prescott, his deputy, expressed reservations.

In an interview yesterday morning, Mr Prescott appeared to suggest he was unhappy that Mr Blair had rounded on the unions and doubted whether moves on the block vote could be pushed through before the general election. In what was interpreted as a warning shot to Mr Blair, he said: "People have to remember that we

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Perfect weather for holiday that never was

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

IT WAS the perfect Bank Holiday that never was. As temperatures topped 20C (68F) and the sun shone yesterday, those who sweltered in their offices and factories may have cursed whoever decided to postpone for a week the May Day break. To add to their irritation, forecasters predicted that after a balmy week, temperatures would plummet in time for next weekend, ensuring a truly traditional Bank Holiday.

Scots could have been forgiven for laughing. Having decided to keep the May Day holiday where most believe it belongs, they were blessed with the warmest day of the year.

Temperatures reached 22C in Inverness, putting even the sunniest spot south of the border in the shade. The warmest temperature in England and Wales, 20C, was recorded at Heathrow Airport, the last place anyone would choose to enjoy the weather. Elsewhere the temperature was lower, although still several degrees higher than the 13-14C seasonal average.

A spokesman for AA Roadwatch said that some trippers, whose diaries were printed before the change of date, had been so confused that they took their long break this weekend. If they stay at home next week, there will be fewer cars on the road than usual at May Bank Holiday.

In Parliament, the scarlet standard was unfurled by Paul Flynn, MP for Newport West, who said at Commons question time: "People in England and Wales on this glorious spring day have been denied their traditional Bank Holiday, which is being enjoyed by the lucky people in Scotland. When will this Government stop mucking about with May Day?"

John Horam, the junior Citizen's Charter minister, replied, to Tory cheers: "We don't need to keep the red flag flying on this particular day."

Not everybody enjoyed the break in Scotland, however. Postmen, administrators, cleaners and caterers shut sorting offices in Glasgow, Edinburgh and Aberdeen to protest against being ordered to work on May Day.

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Fleet-footed Hunt bounds to the rescue

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

YOU have to hand it to David Hunt, the Public Services Minister. To stand at the Dispatch Box without a note, gaze earnestly into space and declare, in tones redolent of scholarship and dripping with sincerity, "applied biocatalysis focuses on a generic theme", is a talent given to few. He was replying to Cheryl Gillan (C, Chesham & Amersham), who had asked about the Foresight process.

Just possibly Mrs Gillan may know something about the Foresight process. Perhaps Mr Hunt had found out a little, too. None of the rest of us had the least idea whether it was a government scheme or a course in astrology.

But Hunt throws himself with such passion at every answer. As with the unclothed emperor, few dare quibble. If you do, he looks at you in that spaniel way of his, hinting by his sorrowful gaze that you have really rather demeaned yourself by your sour and unhelpful approach. That his answer has been completely unrelated to the question goes clean out of every mind.

To Labour's Peter Pike (Burnley), who had asked whether a Tory drubbing at Thursday's local elections would be Hunt's fault or the PM's, Mr Hunt replied that in the 1992 general election the Conservatives received a record number of votes.

This had about as much to do with Pike's inquiry as applied biocatalysis focused on a generic theme: but the way Hunt bounds empty-handed to the Dispatch Box, bubbling over with information and never so much as peeking at a Civil Service brief, creates an air of mystique and expertise which we hesitate to challenge.

His junior minister, John Horam, seems to be learning the trick. To a backbencher, John Marshall (C, Hendon S) who had inquired about civil engineering, Horam had the brass neck to take credit for Damon Hill's weekend victory in San Marino. "And nine out ten of the Grand Prix cars were British-built!" burbled Mr Horam.

What this automotive unlikelihood had to do with civil engineering — or the Government — was unclear. Mr Horam omitted to link his Department with Britain's 5-0 Davis Cup weekend defeat at the hands of Slovakia. As Nye Bevan once sarcastically observed to Churchill, "victory comes from the Government, defeat comes from God".

Death too, it seems, comes from the Government. At Social Security Questions, the Secretary of State, Peter Lilley, was blamed by his Labour shadow, Donald Dewar, for a doubling of the number of claimants for funeral grants. This, said Dewar, was due to poverty under the Tories.

Mr Dewar did not explain whether he thought poverty was causing people to die more often, or to die more broke, or both. Mr Lilley blamed the increasing number of claims on "abuse" of the grant. The minister did not say if he thought people were pretending to be dead, or pretending to be broke, or both.

The session ended with Dennis Skinner complaining about the fuss caused by the red carpet now being laid in Westminster Hall for the Queen, who will visit on Friday. Mr Skinner never acknowledges that in the pageantry surrounding these bunfights, he is as much a part of the ceremonies as is the red carpet.

Ideally he would be given a label like the other flunkeys — "Grudge-bearer Extraordinary" perhaps? — and throw himself cursing across the red carpet in Her Majesty's path, at the appropriate moment. They ought to put it into the Constitution.

Top brass to lose their chefs in perks cutback

BY MICHAEL EVANS
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MANY senior commanders in the Armed Forces who live in official residences are to lose their service homes and their full-time chefs.

An independent review of entertainment in the three services commissioned by the Ministry of Defence has called for a change in policy on entertainment perks.

The report by Sir Peter Cazalet, chairman of the APV food company and a former chairman of the Armed Forces Pay Review Body, recommended a cut in the number of residences, although he did not specify how many should be sold, a ban on full-time cooks and stewards employed by senior officers, a reduction in domestic staff — who cost £5 million a year — and a different system for claiming entertainment expenses.

In his report published yesterday, Sir Peter expressed surprise that 110 cooks were employed full-time in senior officers' residences. Some service homes employed more than one cook.

Officers and their wives should receive some catering assistance when carrying out "representational" entertaining, he said, adding: "It is difficult to see why it is necessary to employ even one chef on a permanent full-time basis."

In calling for a cut in the 350 domestic staff permanently employed at the 75 official residences, he said the number of full-time staff at several properties was disproportionate to what was required.

He also said that new fixtures and fittings for official residences should be based on what was available in catalogues. This was a clear reference to the £387,000 spent on refurbishing Haymes Garth, the official residence until the end of last week of Air Chief Marshal Sir Sandy Wilson.

The row over Haymes Garth, including allegations of waste, was the main reason for the Cazalet inquiry. But expectations that Sir Peter's report would earmark up to a third of the 75 official residences for sale were unfounded.

Sir Peter merely acknowledged that if the rules on entertaining were tightened, as he recommended, it would mean a reduction in the number of residences.

There are 1,200 officers currently receiving a daily entertainment allowance that ranges from £1.69 for an officer with a small number under his command to £20.47 for very senior commanders. Sir Peter recommended dropping the allowance system in favour of expenses claims.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Asda sells 1,000 cut-price le Carrés

The supermarket chain Asda sold more than 1,000 copies of John le Carré's new hardback novel yesterday after the price had been halved by publishers. Asda said that the sales of *Our Game* showed that consumers wanted an end to price-fixing in the book trade.

The company is able to sell the book at £8.49 instead of £16.99 because le Carré's publisher, Hodder Headline, has withdrawn from the Net Book Agreement, the price-fixing mechanism used by publishers since the turn of the century. Dillons and John Menzies also plan to discount the book.

VE-Day policing

Scotland Yard expects that up to a million people will attend VE-Day commemoration events in London next weekend. About 3,600 uniformed officers will be deployed and hundreds of plainclothes and specialist officers will guard dignitaries. Other police forces will provide extra motor-cycle outriders.

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Channel 5 bids

The deadline for applications to run Channel 5, the fifth terrestrial television station, passes at noon today. One of the bidders for the station, which will be funded by advertising, is thought to be a consortium that includes BSkyB, the satellite television company 40 per cent owned by News International, parent company of *The Times*.

Fewer divorces

Divorces in England and Wales have fallen to their lowest level in four years. There were 146,932 couples divorcing last year, a fall of 7,600 from the 1993 peak, the Lord Chancellor's Department reported in a Commons written reply last night. Divorces in England rose steadily from 147,080 in 1990 to 154,062 in 1993.

Panther hunt

Police and farmers in Hereford and Worcester are on the look-out for a large black cat that is believed to have attacked a cow. The cow survived but was left with gashes along its haunches that vets say are consistent with the type of wounds a panther would inflict. There was a reported sighting near Pembridge six months ago.

Trial halted

A magistrate granted a stay in the prosecution of a former detective and former police scientist accused of intent to pervert the course of justice in the case of Stefan Kiszko, who spent 16 years in jail for a murder he did not commit. Proceedings could now be dropped unless the Crown appeals against the Rochdale magistrate's ruling.

Rolling back time

A hitherto unknown recording of Mick Jagger and Keith Richards playing at home with their first band in 1961 has surfaced. The tape, which has 13 songs, was made by the present owner, one of Jagger's classmates at Dartford Grammar School. It will be sold at Christie's, South Kensington, later this month and is expected to fetch £55,000.

Labour to cap utility and finance charges

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

RADICAL proposals designed to control charges levied by the privatised utilities, banks, insurance companies and mortgage lenders were announced by Gordon Brown yesterday in a determined effort to stamp Labour as the consumers' champion.

Urgent reforms of the water, gas, electricity and telephone companies aimed at bringing in more competition, with new public hearings on prices, service standards and profits to give people a chance to express their views before decisions on prices are made, were pledged by the Shadow Chancellor.

Under a Labour government, league tables would have to be published giving customers full price, cost and performance comparisons for mortgages, banking services, pensions and insurance to help consumers to shop around. Mr Brown also foreshadowed a reform of capital gains tax.

After the fresh controversy last week over the way some endowment mortgages had been sold, Labour would legislate to give mortgage buyers the same rights to detailed information as those given to other investors. There would be legislation on minimum standards of information and performance throughout the financial services industry.

The banking ombudsman would be put on a statutory basis and would force banks to disclose details of their charges.

Mr Brown's proposals were put to Labour's finance and industry group in the first of four speeches intended to flesh out the party's economic plans and try to answer the Tory charge that Labour has no detailed policies.

He made plain that he backs a change in capital gains tax to help long-term investment. The idea, favoured by the Confederation of British Industry, would involve a two-tier system in which investment institutions that bought and sold a shareholding over a short period paid a higher tax rate than those that kept them for longer periods.

At the centre of Mr Brown's plans would be a new Competition and Consumer Standards Office with powers to root out restrictive practices and impose penalties of up to 10 per cent of a firm's turnover. It would replace the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and the Office of Fair Trading.

Mr Brown said that the cost of many basic essentials — water, gas, electricity, telephones and food — was higher than it should be because of the Conservatives' unwillingness to take on the vested interests they had created and open them up to more competition and force higher standards. The Tories had replaced public monopolies by private ones and in many areas the economy was dominated by "cosy cartels".

Proposing the league tables Mr Brown said bank customers incurred high and varying charges, credit card customers faced vastly different interest payments and householders paid very different mortgage rates without proper comparisons.

Mr Brown said consumer league tables — showing which company was charging the most and the least for the same service and which was performing best or worst — would act as a spur to competition. Labour would ensure the utilities gave a better service to small businesses and the self-employed and they would also benefit from reforms to competition policy.

"By insisting on these reforms, Labour is indeed the party of small business and the self-employed in Britain today," Mr Brown declared.



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McKay: studied speeds

Damages for woman in car hit by Clegg

BY NICHOLAS WATT
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

POLICE in Belfast yesterday allowed supporters of Lee Clegg to reconstruct the events that led to the para-trooper's conviction for murdering a passenger in a joyrider's car.

Nationalists had urged a ban on the reconstruction, but the RUC allowed Clegg's legal team to carry out a series of tests on Glen Road, West Belfast, where the shooting took place.

A woman passenger who was injured in the shooting settled her claim for compensation from the Ministry of Defence at Belfast High Court yesterday. It is understood that Markievicz Gorman, 21, received a five-figure sum.

Clegg, 26, was convicted at Belfast Crown Court in 1993 of the murder of Karen Reilly, 18, from West Belfast. She died when he fired four bullets at a stolen Vauxhall Astra in which she was travelling as it sped through a checkpoint. Martin Peake, 17, the driver, was also killed.

Yesterday a private detective drove a Vauxhall Astra, similar to that used by the joyriders, in repeated runs along the road to establish speeds.

The speed of the car is crucial to the defence because Clegg's advisers will argue that the last of his four shots could not have been aimed at the rear of the car, as Mr Justice Campbell ruled. Simon McKay, Clegg's legal adviser, said yesterday: "Our investigations will show that the fourth bullet was never a contemplated shot. It was a spontaneous shot."

Mr McKay defended the reconstruction. "I can understand that re-examining the case is distasteful for the Reilly family. All we can do is go about our job, however unpleasant it is."

The Northern Ireland Life Sentence Review board will examine Clegg's case next month, which could lead to his release on licence.

□ Talks between a British minister and Sinn Fein are due to start next week at Stormont. They have had to be postponed from this week because of diary clashes.

□ An eleventh republican terrorist has been transferred from a jail in England to Northern Ireland. Robert Fryers, 44, was sentenced three months ago to 25 years' imprisonment for his part in an IRA conspiracy to cause explosions.

ALAN LEWIS



Markievicz Gorman outside Belfast High Court after accepting damages from the MoD

Blair's union vow

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have to move together — even those who were for something and those who were against something — and those in victory should remember that," Mr Prescott said on BBC television.

But he spent the rest of the day trying to damp down any question of a row between him and Mr Blair, and was forced to issue a statement last night. "When I said that the whole party should move together, I said nothing that Tony Blair would not say and this idea this was some kind of warning shot is absurd," Mr Prescott said. "Indeed, Tony's lack of triumphalism and his determination to move on to policy was clear at this morning's press conference."

Last week, Mr Prescott said that changes to the block vote would be unlikely before the next general election, but Mr Brown insisted yesterday that discussions would start "within the next few months". Unions were relaxed last night over the proposals to reduce the block vote, but expressed concern about any move to cut their representation on the executive committee.

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Cook's affectionate farewell

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and Willy Rushton were there; along with Ian Hislop, Clive Anderson, Harry Enfield, Ben Elton, and Hugh Laurie; with Henry Cooper, Michael Winner, Melvyn Bragg, Dave Allen, John Wells, Barry Cryer, Barry Took and even Frankie Vaughan swelling the crowd — Eleanor Bron recalled a moment when Cook suddenly whined, "Oh dear, oh dear, oh dear". Is something the matter? she asked. "No, nothing," Cook replied, "just thinking aloud."

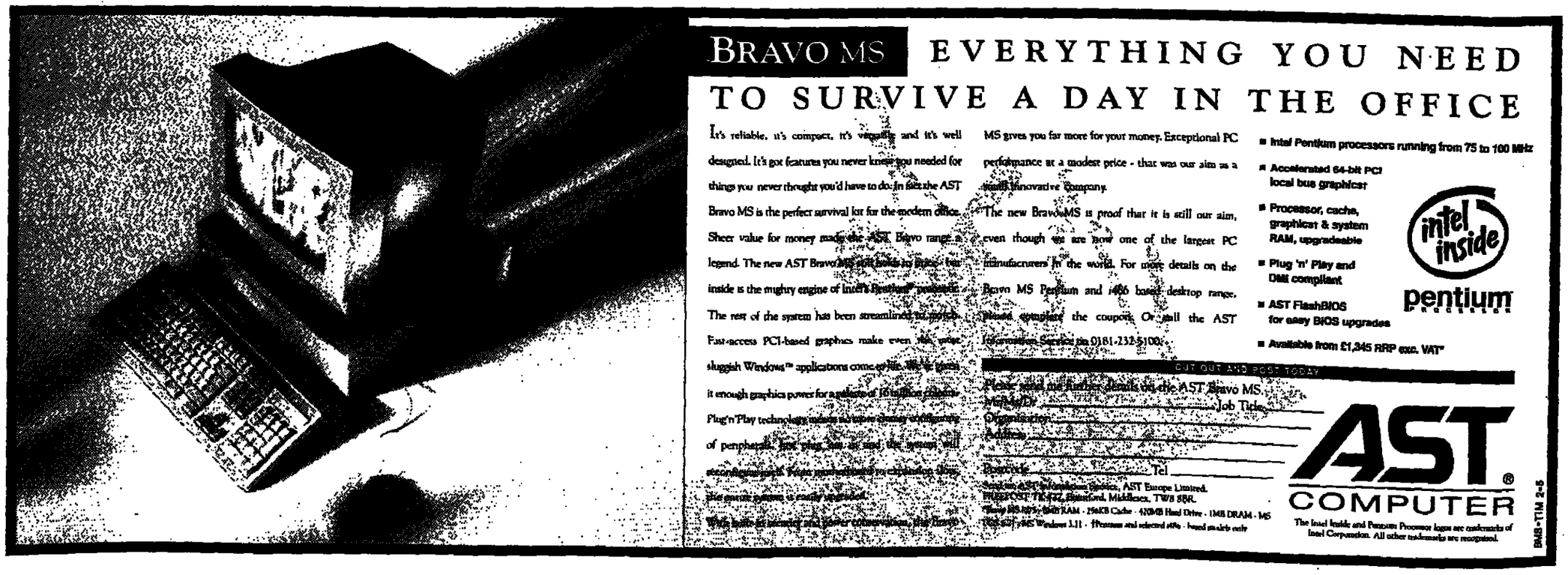
What had always stunned John Cleese about Cook "was not only that he was the funniest man I ever met, but the extent to which so many people loved him".

As the service drew to a close, a recording of Cook as the park bench philosopher *E.L. Wisty* rang through the ancient church. Wisty was fretting that "I must do something with my life — something to be remembered for", a life he logged in such dull diary entries as: "Got up. Went out. Came home again. Went to sleep. Didn't even go to the lavatory!"

As a nod towards Cook's passion for Elvis Presley, whom he would imitate at the drop of a hat, according to Moore, boys from Cook's old school, Radley College, sang an unaccompanied version of Presley's *Love Me Tender*.

Moore ended the service by performing the pair's famous chirpy serenade, *Goodbye-ee*, on piano. What, someone asked him, would Cook be making of it all if he were looking down on Hampstead today? "Or looking up," Moore snapped back. "Actually, I think he would have been mildly embarrassed.

But Spike Milligan thought it was "lovely, perfect for him. How dare he clear off and leave us, what a terrible thing to do, to leave us all."



Experienced sailors who usually wore lifejackets thought they were safe in calm waters

Boat-owner drowned as he clung to wife's body

By Emma Wilkins

A BUSINESSMAN who died with his wife in a boating accident on the Norfolk Broads could have saved himself by letting go of his wife's body, it emerged yesterday.

Terry Fletcher, 49, jumped into the River Waveney near Great Yarmouth, after his wife Patricia, 51, slipped and fell into the water while trying to moor their sea-going motor yacht.

The couple, from Halifax, West Yorkshire, could not swim and were not wearing lifejackets, despite being experienced sailors who had holidayed on the Broads before. They had been married for 28 years and had no children.

Rescuers who came up alongside the couple shouted to Mr Fletcher to grab on to a rope that had been lowered from their boat but he could have reached it only if he let go of his wife.

"We threw a lifebelt to the husband and let down the anchor rope for him to cling on to but he could not hold on to it. His hands were blue with cold." Ann Caffrey, who saw the accident, said. "We were screaming and shouting at him to let go of his wife but there was no way he would do that.

"We could not reach down — they were agonisingly close to us but the husband simply would not let go of his wife. She was face down in the water and must have been dead.

"Eventually they drifted away and we saw them disappear under the back of their boat. I think they must both have been dead from the cold."

Mrs Caffrey, from Liverpool, was boating with her husband Jimmy when the accident happened on Sunday. The couple watched as another boat, the *Purdey*, tried to come to the Fletcher's rescue.

"We saw the *Purdey* coming towards the cruiser and then we saw a man in the water, holding what we thought was a life jacket. It turned out to be his wife. The cruiser had been trying to moor and the wife fell in and got carried away on the current. Her husband had dived in to help her.

"We could hear their shouts for help but there was no way they could get out of the water. It was all reeds and mud by the bank side. Neither the man nor his wife had lifejackets on and he got into trouble and increased his shouts for help. We tried to move our boat alongside but the current was so fast it was very difficult."

On board the *Purdey* were John Pitts and his wife, Anne, from Keighley, West Yorkshire, friends of the Fletchers who had planned their holidays to coincide. Mr Pitts, 50, jumped into the water to try to save his friends but got into difficulties because of the strong current and cold water. He was pulled from the water by his wife after the Fletchers had drifted away.

"Mr Pitts is the hero of this tragedy. He put his own life at risk by going into the water to try to save his friends," Mr Caffrey said.

Mr Pitts was taken to James Paget Hospital, Gorleston, where he was treated for seven cracked ribs. Mrs Pitts, 39, was recovering from shock.

Mr Fletcher, who owned a Citroën garage with his brother Paul, had owned several smaller craft before buying the 28ft motor yacht *Tiger Puss*, with an estimated value of about £100,000.

The couple sailed the yacht from its winter moorings on the River Ouse at York, though the Humber and into the North Sea to Norfolk at Easter.

"They were both experienced sailors and the boat was well equipped," Paul Fletcher, 51, said.

"At sea they would always wear lifejackets, but because the River Waveney would have looked calm they probably thought they were safe. They must have underestimated the danger. Neither of them could swim and I only wish they had been wearing jackets because they could be alive today.

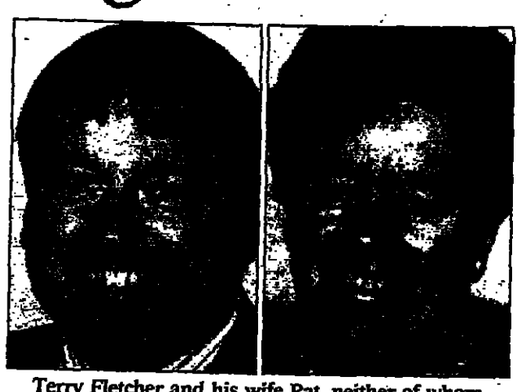
"They had no children but they were deeply in love with each other and their boat — it was their one real hobby," he added. Mrs Fletcher was an animal lover who took in stray cats. The *Tiger Puss* was named after one of her favourite rescued cats.

Mr Fletcher's mother, Nona, from Sowerby, west Yorkshire, said: "I am very upset. Terry and Pat lived for their boating trips."

Tim Durrel, South Norfolk District Council enviromental health officer, said: "The Norfolk Broads look peaceful and harmless in the spring sunshine, but the water is still very cold and the currents exceptionally strong. Lifebelts should be worn at all times on the water.

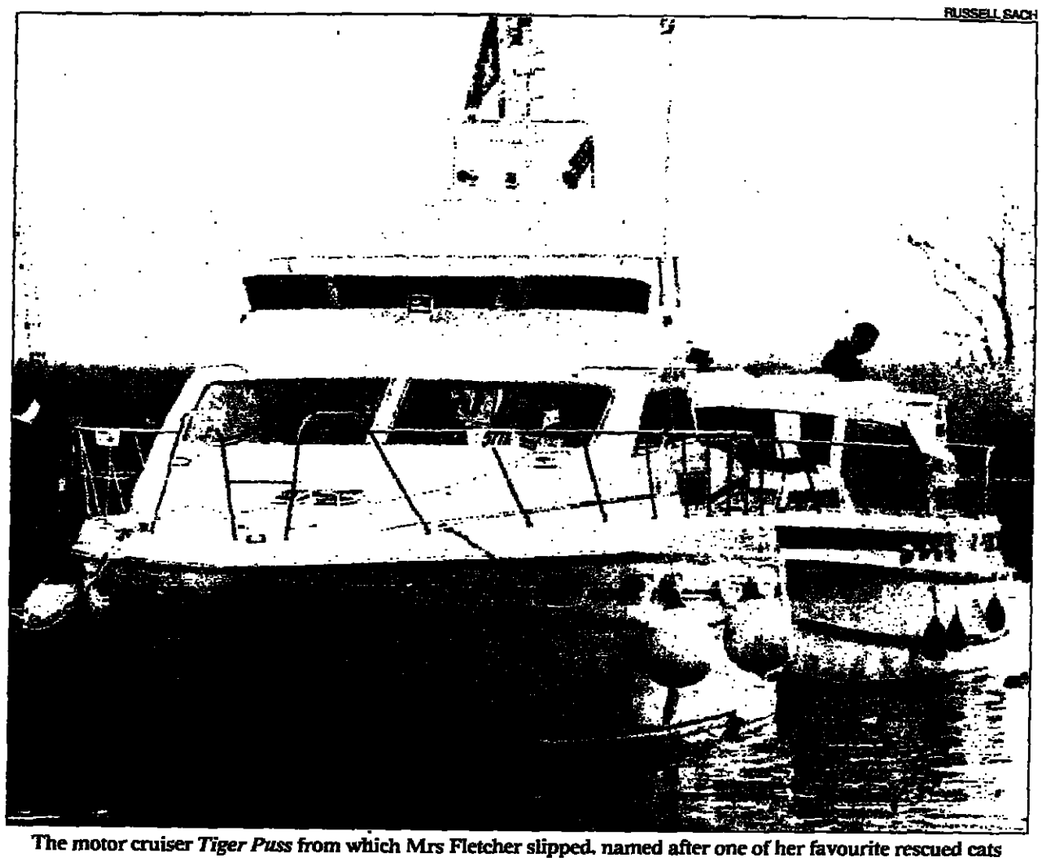
Stanley Halliday, 75, has lived alongside the River Waveney at St Olaves for 19 years. "People never realise how dangerous the river is," he said. "The current can be very strong here and the water level rises and falls around three feet on the tide.

"When the tide turns it is almost like somebody has pulled a plug out. It is a very fast running current."



Terry Fletcher and his wife Pat, neither of whom could swim but whose one real hobby was boating

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The motor cruiser *Tiger Puss* from which Mrs Fletcher slipped, named after one of her favourite rescued cats

Calves exporter questioned after protester is shot

By Michael Hornsby

AN EXPORTER who flies calves to the Continent for veal production is being questioned by police after an air rifle was allegedly fired at animal rights protesters outside his home.

Chris Barrett-Jolly was arrested on Sunday in the village of Frankton, Warwickshire, and taken to Rugby police station. He was released but told to report to the police today for further questioning.

For the past five months Mr Barrett-Jolly's home, a former rectory, has been besieged by up to 30 activists every weekend and often on weekdays. The protesters have thrown sticks and stones through windows and hurled stones at cars driven by Mr Barrett-Jolly and his wife, Maria, forcing them to hire security guards.

Mr Barrett-Jolly, 48, is alleged to have fired at a man who had climbed with a video camera into a tree in his garden. He said: "I cannot comment on the allegation that I used a gun, but I was very angry to find a chap up a tree on my land apparently trying to video my son. This was extremely worrying as protesters have issued threats against his life."

Mr and Mrs Barrett-Jolly say they have received letters threatening their 13-year-old son James. Mrs Barrett-Jolly said: "Fortunately he is at boarding school most of the time, but two weeks ago some protesters grabbed an eight-year-old boy in the village and asked him, 'Are you Barrett-Jolly's kid?' "

Tony Haughian, 34, from Birmingham, who claims to have been shot by Mr Barrett-Jolly, said: "We were having a peaceful protest until someone shouted that Jolly had got a gun. I climbed up a tree to get a better view to film it with a camcorder that I had.

"I then noticed he was pointing this air rifle at people so I recorded. Then I realised he was within three to four yards of me with the gun pointing at me. He fired two shots at me."

Inspector Harry Kilgour, of Rugby Police, said that damage had been caused to a video camera. "The alleged incident involves an air rifle," he said.

Protesters stepped up their campaign against Mr Barrett-Jolly in February after a demonstrator, Jill Phipps, was killed when she fell under the wheels of a lorry delivering calves to Coventry Airport for export to Amsterdam by his company, Phoenix Aviation.



Barrett-Jolly filmed holding his air rifle

Head 'used school cash to stock his freezer'

By A Staff Reporter

A PRIMARY school headmaster stole nearly £2,000 from school funds to fill up his freezer, buy cigarettes and alcohol and pay his bills, a court was told yesterday.

Geoffrey Burley falsified the accounts to show that the money had been spent on school trips, stationery, repairing vandalised property, and on the parent-teacher association summer fete, Martin Meeke, for the prosecution, told Plymouth Crown Court.

Mr Meeke said Mr Burley was in charge of money raised by plays, pantomimes and other events at Widely Court school, Plymouth. He had a "free rein" over the account because he got the school secretary to sign cheques in advance.

"Mr Burley abused the fund and plundered it for his own use. In short he stole from the children at the school." Mr Meeke said. He had used £100 for a garage bill, £30 to pay for his cats' inoculations and £73 to pay Access. Hundreds of pounds were spent on trips to a cash and carry store.

"I read recently that a third of children have taken up smoking, but to spend £36.83 on cigarettes for primary school children is not a purchase one would expect from a headmaster." Mr Meeke said. "He also bought beers, spirits and wines — and all this for children ranging in age up to 11. There were also meats, household goods, cosmetics, toiletries and pet foods."

Mr Burley denies eight charges of theft from the school, where he was headmaster until 1993. The case continues today.

Beached killer whale had huge blood clot in heart

By Dominic Kennedy

THE killer whale that died after becoming stranded on a Kent beach was suffering from an enormous blood clot in the heart, a post-mortem examination has found.

Scientists remain baffled about why the whale was so far south of its usual haunts off Scotland, Norway, Greenland and Iceland. It was the first killer whale to be beached in England since 1978.

Laboratory tests will indicate whether its immune system could have been affected by pollution. It had been suffering from a bacterial infection. The 18ft adult killer whale, or orca, was the mother of two or three calves. It was refloated by rescuers after becoming stranded on the mudflats of Pegwell Bay last Tuesday. On the next tide it was washed up near Sandwich.

The whale was put down by a veterinary surgeon who injected 20ml of Immobilon, a horse anaesthetic, into its back muscle and a dorsal fin vein. The carcass was removed from the beach using lifting gear. Officials were worried about dangers to the public from a carcass containing a drug that can kill humans in tiny doses.

The remains were taken to a depot where a post mortem was carried out in the back of a dumper truck by marine biology experts: Paul Jepson, of the Zoological Society of London, with David George and Nick Evans of the Natural History Museum.

The 60cm blood clot had grown through the valves of the left side of the heart into the aorta, obstructing the blood flow. Mr Jepson had never seen such a huge clot. The whale had an abscess the size of a tennis ball on its underside, another abscess in its thyroid gland, and its lymph nodes were swollen — signs of an infection possibly to blame for the clotting.

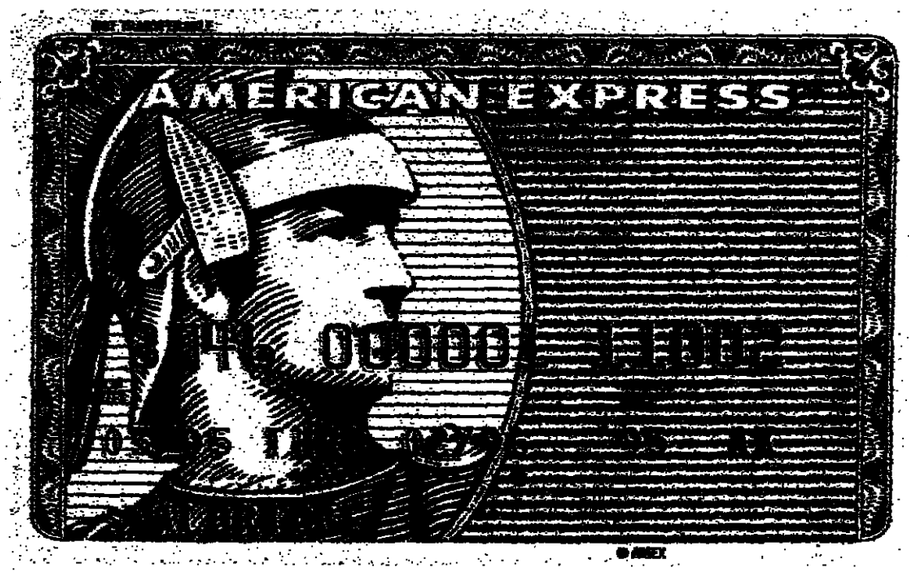
The whale's stomach contained about 20 squid beaks, which are hard to digest. The whale seems to have fasted for days before its death.

The scientists did not have time to examine the whale's brain before its carcass was removed for disposal, so they cannot say whether its navigation system had been affected by a stroke.

It is unlikely that the whale was lost. Killer whales are used to swimming close to the shore so it is rare for them to be beached because of a navigation problem. The whale probably came ashore because it was ill.

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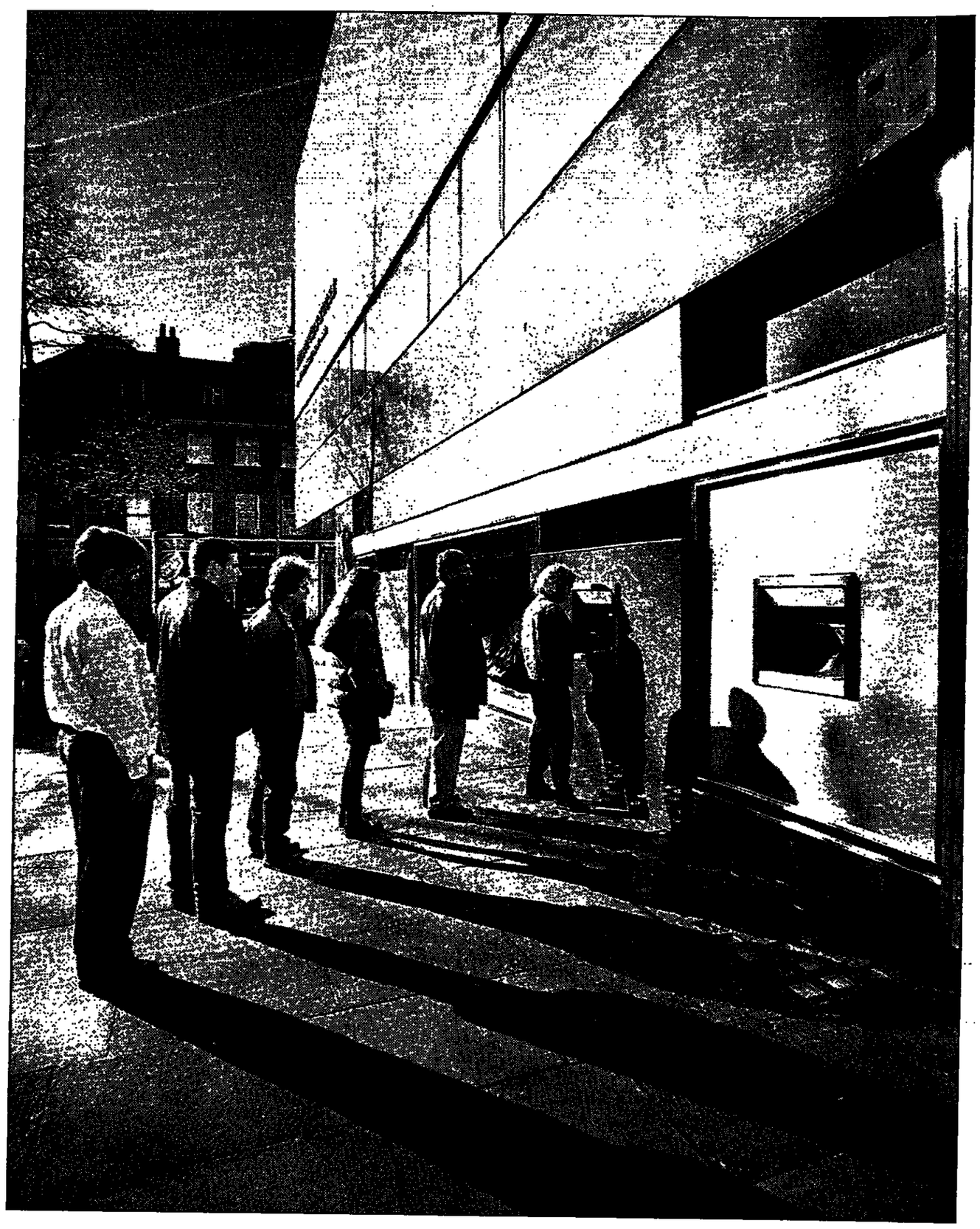
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Specially trained climbers sent in to remove woodland demonstrators from path of new road

Motorway protesters in treetop battle with bailiffs

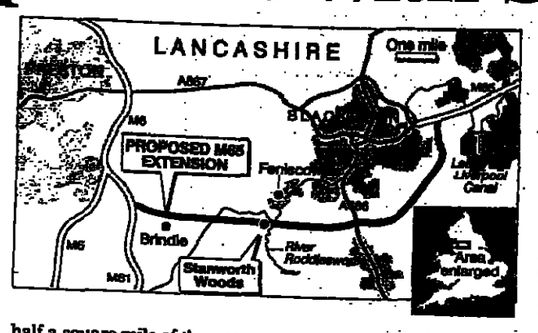
By Kate Alderson

PROTESTERS blocking the path of an £80 million motorway extension yesterday mounted a fierce fight against efforts to evict them from their tree-top village. They struggled violently in the branches of trees 50ft above the ground as specially trained climbers tried to remove them.

About 300 police and security men backed up the Under-Sheriff of Lancashire, Andrew Wilson, who organised the eviction from Stanworth Woods, near Blackburn.

By yesterday evening nine people had been evicted from the trees and two others arrested for obstruction. Bulldozers were brought in to level the land and clear debris and only two treehouses remained in the area cleared by police. Eight treehouses were believed to have been cut down.

There were claims and counterclaims of excessive force on both sides as the long struggle continued to clear



half a square mile of the steep valley, which the protesters claim is an outstanding example of ancient woodland.

When the police and security guards lined up in fluorescent tunics in the morning, the protesters, many of whom have been living in the trees since last August, pulled up their rope ladders and began whooping, whistling and banging drums.

After a warning was given that anyone found within the cordoned-off area would be liable for arrest, a 20-year-old woman shouted down from her tree: "We've got nine gallons of water up here, food for three weeks, and we are here until the end." Peter Scott, 50, from Colne, Lancashire, yelled as he shinned up a tree: "We are saving the world. There's nothing more important that a man of my age should be doing."

Then Mr Wilson sent in two teams of four climbers, trained to mountain-rescue standard, to remove the first of the tree-dwellers whose homes were linked with more than three miles of wire walkways. Protesters, many of whom were attached to the trees with ropes and buckles, screamed and shouted as they tussled in mid-air with the climbers. Some swung perilously on their ropes, crashing into branches.

Mr Wilson acknowledged that the eviction could take many days. "This is extremely dangerous and slow," he said. "The walkways are unsafe for my climbers and the protesters are endangering their lives by using them. The protesters are prepared to put themselves at substantial risk to avoid being removed.

"There is certainly much more than passive resistance. I am not too surprised but I am disappointed. It looks as if everyone taken out of the trees will be resisting and so everyone will be arrested. It looks as though there will be a lot of arrests."

Some of his men said that tree-dwellers had stamped on their heads and hands. Sarah, 19, a protester from Wales, complained about the climbers' tactics after being evicted from a treehouse. "They are cutting the walkways from underneath us and people's hands are red raw from hanging on."

The Rev John Cree, the local vicar, acted as an unofficial observer. He had been asked to attend by the protesters, but said he was impartial.

"I am telling both sides that things have to be done properly. The protesters have a legitimate right to protest, but ultimately they have to come down. I am asking them to carry out more passive resistance." The estimated cost of security at the site from August until the end of March was £2.2 million; the eviction will greatly increase the cost.

The protesters claim that the second stage of the road extension, covering 7.3 miles and estimated to cost £77.9 million, would destroy flora and fauna and the ecology of the area and that the road will increase congestion.

Councils and industrialists say the road is necessary to relieve congestion and promote economic regeneration.



CHRIS LOUFTE

A bailiff struggles with one of the protesters who have established a village of treehouses with walkways

Teachers found to have poor grasp of subjects

By Ben Preston, Education Correspondent

PUPILS in state schools are being held back by their teachers' poor grasp of the basics, inspectors reported yesterday. Junior schools are the weak link in the education system, with too many teachers struggling over elementary mathematics, science and grammar.

The Office for Standards in Education said that shortages of books in thousands of schools were also hampering the drive for higher literacy standards. Also, too many pupils could not remember multiplication tables or calculate simple sums.

The findings will fuel the argument over the squeeze on school budgets. A coalition of parents, teachers and governors insists that state education is being damaged by shortages of books and equipment as well as growing class sizes. But Conservatives maintain that teaching methods are more influential than small fluctuations in funding levels.

In English, the inspectors identified persistent weaknesses in teachers' knowledge and expertise. They recommended that all schools provide training where necessary to teach staff about "formal aspects of language, particularly grammar and syntax".

While standards in English were good or very good in 35 per cent of schools, 20 per cent of schools failed to teach the subject adequately. Standards were lowest in junior schools and in the first three years of secondary education.

The inspectors were most concerned about writing standards, with only one junior school in seven performing well. That was often the result of too little attention being given to skills such as handwriting and spelling. At secondary level, strengths outweighed weaknesses at four out of ten schools.

The inspectors said that the reading ability of pupils in 10-15 per cent of schools was being hindered by the paucity of books. The presence of a well-stocked library and professional librarian helped to ensure high standards. One in seven schools suffered a shortage that, in particular, handicapped the progress of good readers aged seven to 14.

In mathematics, the inspectors found that teachers showed a good command of their subject in only one primary school in ten. A quarter of junior school teachers did not have sufficient understanding to teach the subject properly.

Pupils' achievements were less than satisfactory in 25 per cent of infant schools and one in three junior schools. The inspectors said pupils could fall behind by the age of 11 because progress in lessons was too slow and "misconceptions are not addressed". In science, the inspectors urged action to enhance the knowledge of primary teachers.

The inspectors said the standards of religious education in primary schools were uneven, with the curriculum varying widely between schools. Some attached such a low priority to the subject that they did not have enough books to teach it properly.

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Sponsored police go on the beat

By Ian Murray, Community Correspondent

THE first four policemen to be "sponsored" by a local council began pounding the beat yesterday in Corby, Northamptonshire. The community constables will cost the town £110,000 a year, which the council regards as good value.

"More officers on the streets will result in less crime and that will pay dividends," John Newton, the Corby spokesman, said. The money will come not from council tax but from the £150,000 profits made by the Labour-controlled authority in organising a regular Sunday market. The arrangement will have to be approved each year when the council prepares its budget.

Police sponsorship became possible last month under the Police and Magistrates' Courts Act and Corby council is the first to take advantage of it. Joe Sims, chief Labour whip, said: "Surveys across the country show people want more police patrolling the streets. When the money became available, this was our first priority."

The council has agreed to pay for the policemen only if they go out on the beat and are not used for clerical work. The four are all experienced officers and their places in police stations have been taken by probationers.

PC Martin Kinchin, one of the four, said yesterday: "We will be able to spend much more time patrolling what will be a smaller beat. We will be spend virtually all our time on patrol in Corby and that can only benefit the people living in the town."

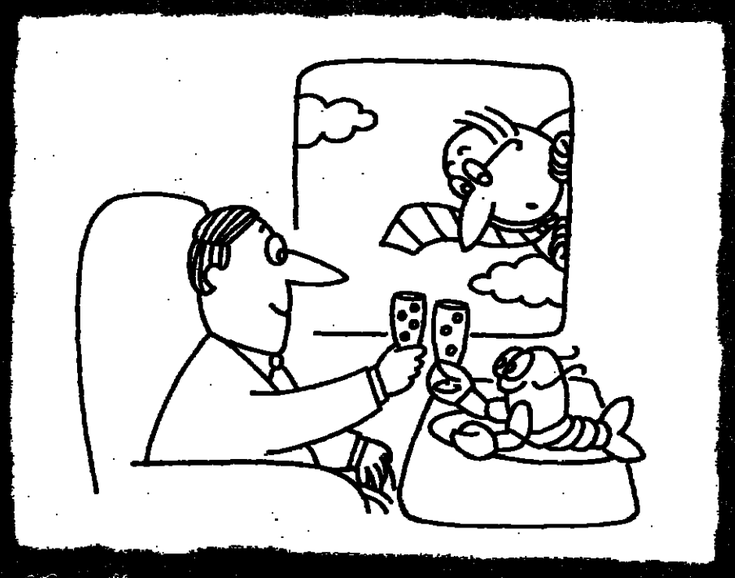
Ted Crew, Northamptonshire's Chief Constable, said: "I realise that the long-term funding of the project cannot be guaranteed but in the meantime this initiative will increase the number of community officers and that can only be a bonus."

Corrections

☐ Camden Council did not pay a departing director of leisure a £600,000 golden handshake (article, April 25). That figure aggregates a £25,000 lump sum together with salary and with pension over 15 years in the event of early retirement.

☐ It was Network South Central rail service, not Thameslink (report, April 25) which decided, after passenger pressure, to reinstate a morning fast train from London to Brighton.

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Clergy union seeks treble stipends for loss of job security

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

CLERGY should be paid a stipend of £35,000 — nearly treble the current minimum — if their job security is taken away, their new union section said yesterday.

The pay claim was instantly dismissed by the Church of England's General Synod office as "based on false premises". Although the claim is unlikely ever to be supported by strikes, it indicates the depth of concern among clergy about their jobs.

More than nine out of ten Anglican clergy are worried about their economic situation, according to a survey published yesterday by the clergy section of the Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union.

A survey of nearly 550 clergy in 25 dioceses found that 62 per cent felt their stipends, a minimum of £12,800, were not enough. Nearly half were worried about job security and 91 per cent about their economic situation, and 61 per cent supported the introduction of employment contracts.

The MSF is arguing for a salary of £35,000 to compensate for loss of housing and job security should the clergy freehold be removed. Of nearly 11,000 stipendiary clergy in the Church of England, about two thirds are vicars or rectors and have incumbent status or a freehold, which guarantees them a job for life until they reach retirement at 70.

The union is also willing to agree a no-strike agreement for clergy but wants them to have union recognition and collective bargaining. The MSF, Britain's fifth largest union, has 482,000 members, of which 300 belong to the clergy section launched in September.

The Rev Eric Shegog, the Church's director of communications, said: "The figure of £35,000 is based on false premises. It is certainly more than most bishops earn. The only people who earn more are the Bishop of London and the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. Housing is available to clergy when they retire, to rent or to buy. And the whole question of job security is hypothetical."

But most dioceses are debating plans to reform the freehold, such as converting it to a leasehold system where jobs are renewed every seven or ten years. The MSF, which yesterday presented its response to the plans, believes "changes are being proposed which would remove the remaining forms of stability which historically have compensated for the personal sacrifices made in order to serve in the ordained ministry".



Rowland: misconceptions

As the Church faces stringent financial cuts because of losses incurred in the 1980s by the Church Commissioners, who manage its multimillion-pound assets, more dioceses are cutting clergy numbers and reducing freeholds as clergy retire.

Newly appointed clergy are being given jobs as priests-in-charge, assistants or curates, where they are provided with a stipend and a house but are given neither a freehold nor a standard contract of employment. Problems arise when they are asked to leave or not given a new job at the end of the term. Most are unable to afford a mortgage.

The Rev Dawn Rowland, a non-stipendiary assistant priest and a member of the union's clergy committee, rejected criticism that clergy should not join trade unions. Ms Rowland, of Purley, Surrey, said that she had long been a member of the Health Visitors' Association. "I saw a lot of the benefits of having a professional organisation. A lot of the objections stem from a misconception of what a union can provide for its members."

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Suicide bid after drug error

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A WOMAN twice tried to kill herself after she was given the wrong drug to treat her depression. An error by staff at Boots meant that Donna Vaudin was given steroids, which can make the illness worse.

Boots has offered her £1,000 compensation after admitting a mistake by staff at a branch in Leeds. Mrs Vaudin, 28, a university administration assistant, of Lofthouse, near Wakefield, became depressed last year. In September her doctor prescribed Faverin but staff at Boots gave her the steroid fluorocortisone.

She said: "I started to feel worse and became suicidal. I was throwing myself under buses and in front of cars." Her husband, Stuart, said: "I would come in to find her lying on the carpet in a dark lounge, not even dressed."

The mistake was discovered a month later when Mrs Vaudin's GP issued a repeat prescription that was made up correctly by another branch of Boots. Still depressed, however, Mrs Vaudin took an overdose and needed hospital treatment.

The couple complained to Boots, which made an initial offer of £1,000 compensation last December. The Vaudins are pressing for £10,000. Yesterday Boots said it was prepared to review the offer on receiving medical details.

IAN HODGSON



Students celebrating in traditional style by jumping from Magdalen Bridge

May Day revels pass off safely

BY ROBIN YOUNG

POLICE claimed complete success in cutting the number of injuries in Oxford's traditional May Morning celebrations yesterday.

More than 18,000 turned out for the dawn festivities, of whom 19 were taken to hospital, mostly for minor injuries such as sprained ankles or mild hypothermia. Only one person was hurt jumping 18ft from Magdalen Bridge into the 4ft-deep River Cherwell.

Last year 22 people were injured making the jump, which has become a more popular part of the May Morning celebrations than the traditional madrigals by choristers from Magdalen College tower.

Police had appealed to undergraduates not to leap from the bridge, but more than 40 did so at 6am, some wearing dinner jackets, others in their underwear. Two jumped hand-in-hand with an inflatable doll.

Paul Williams, 19, who leapt in his underpants, said: "There's no great danger as long as you're careful. It is a bit of fun and thousands turn out to see us, so the tradition is not going to stop."

His friend, Phil Vipond, 20, said: "The police concern is quite understandable but you're OK if you watch where other people jump and go for the same spot." Alex Porter, 20, who leapt dressed in dinner suit and spotted bow tie, said: "It's freezing in there but it's a good laugh and I'll be back next year."

Inspector Steve Wilson, in charge of policing the celebrations, said: "This morning has been a complete success with no problems at all. The crowd's behaviour has been superb. It is disappointing that as many people as ever have jumped in but they seem to have got the message that diving in or doing somersaults and back-flips is a bad idea. They have jumped feet first, which accounts for the reduction in injuries."

For the first time a public address system amplified the choir's efforts. Roger Davenport, 53, said: "It was the first time in 20 years of coming here that I have been able to hear them."

Girl aged 16 charged with knife murder

A 16-year-old girl appeared before Southampton Youth Court yesterday charged with the murder of Nicholas Byrne, 21, a construction worker from Eastleigh, Hampshire. Mr Byrne was found slumped in the doorway of a block of flats in Sholing, Southampton, on Friday. He had died from multiple stab wounds to the chest.

The girl, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was in tears when she appeared in court with her mother and a social worker. She was remanded to secure local authority accommodation to appear again in court on Friday. There was no application for bail.

£1bn tax owing

The average council tax could be cut by £45 if councils could collect £1 billion they are owed, according to Revenue Management Services, a debt collection agency. Almost half the debt is unpaid poll tax. Councils are expected to write most of that off.

Bail in siege case

A former soldier who is alleged to have held his daughters hostage for 36 hours was freed on bail by Macclesfield magistrates. Nicholas Cullerton, 32, of Wilmslow, is accused of assaulting his wife and holding two of the three girls unlawfully.

Driest April

Last month was the driest April for 11 years, despite the wet and cold Easter, according to the London Weather Centre. April had nearly 193 hours of sunshine, 46 per cent more than average. In central England, only 27mm of rain fell.

Assault by boy

A boy aged 14 who tortured an 11-year-old boy in a field for seven hours was given a 12-month supervision order by Preston Crown Court. The boy, now 16, from Great Lever, Greater Manchester, admitted kidnap and assault. He was not named.

Park owner dies

The owner of two pleasure parks has died in hospital four months after a road accident. Robert Gibb, 57, a millionaire from Scarborough, owned Flamingoland, near Pickering, North Yorkshire, and Pleasure Island Park in Cleethorpes.

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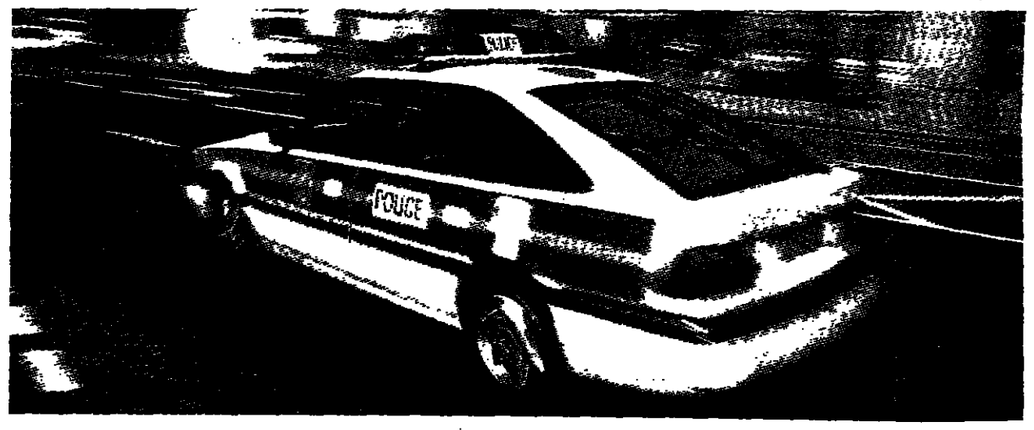
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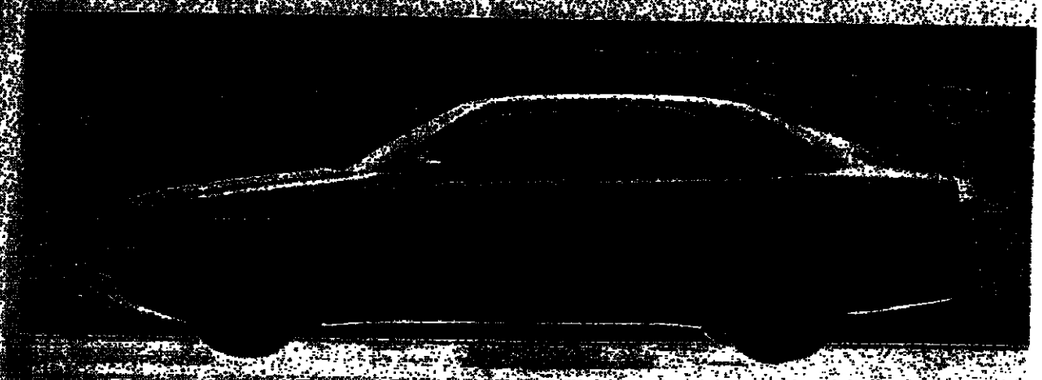
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Fire extinguishers failed as rescuers fought blaze caused by badly fitted petrol cap

Officer cadets died after Land Rover burst into flames

By Richard Duce

TWO Oxford University army cadets who died after a training exercise were seen laughing and giggling moments before their Land Rover somersaulted down a hill and burst into flames, an inquest was told yesterday.

Cadets and regular soldiers who tried to douse the flames found that three of their seven fire extinguishers did not work. A sergeant major's hair caught fire as he fought to free the young women from the wreckage.

Karen Buttenshaw, 19, of Hunstanton, Norfolk, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident. Rebecca Norris, 20, of Maidstone, Kent, was flown to hospital with serious burns and died two days later.

The women were students at Oxford Brookes University and members of Oxford University Officer Training Corps. They took part in the training operation, called Scarlet Return, last October with 40 other cadets attached to the Royal Armoured Corps.

The inquest in Salisbury was told that Miss Buttenshaw was driving the canvas-topped Mark Three Land Rover, borrowed from the Grenadier Guards, with Miss Norris as her passenger when the vehicle appeared to stall and roll back down a hill.

Sergeant Major Beardsmore, an instructor with the Royal Armoured Corps, said that moments before the crash he had seen the two women giggling and waving at him through the windscreen when the vehicle began to roll backwards. "I started running down the hill and as it went into a second roll I noticed flames coming from the engine. Then the whole vehicle seemed to burst into flames. When I reached the Land Rover I could hear the girls inside. I tried to open the driver's door but I couldn't because of the flames.

"The canvas top burned away in seconds and Rebecca was able to crawl out. I tried to get Karen, but all I could see was flames and then suddenly she appeared. I reached out to grab her but the heat was too intense and I had to come out again. Then I went back in and this time managed to grab her and pull her out."

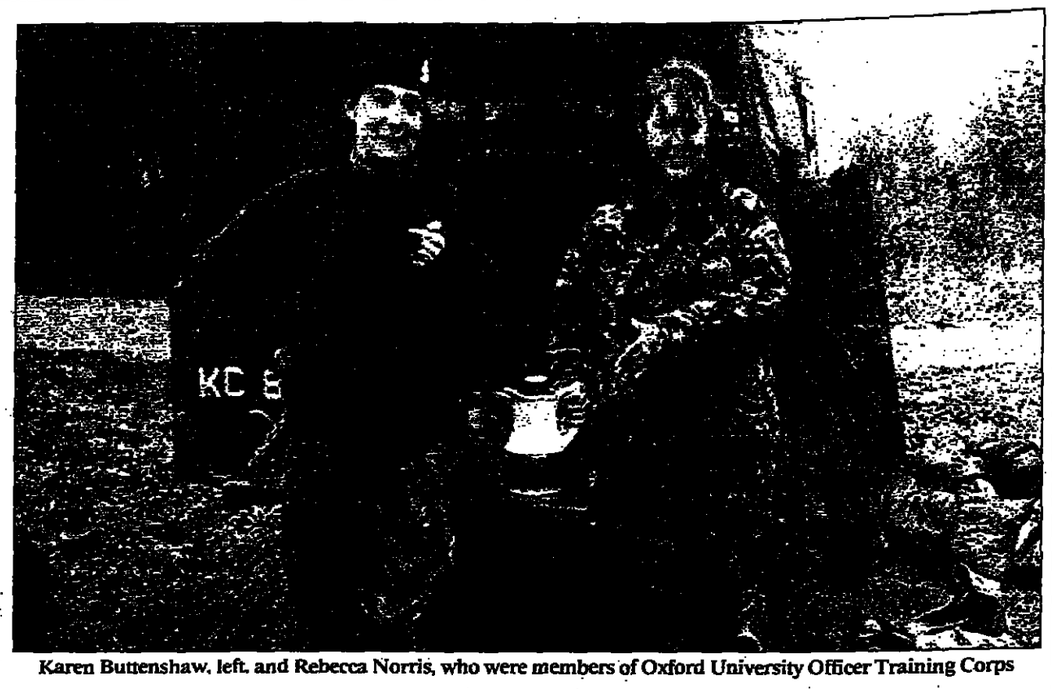
Sergeant Major Beardsmore's hair caught fire during the rescue effort. He said: "I was not aware that I was on fire myself. Everything happened so quickly, I suppose the adrenalin was pumping."

Darryl Stearn, a student nurse and officer cadet, said that the Land Rover rolled about three more times after the flames appeared before coming to rest. "I ran down the hill and yelled back to my crew to get some fire extinguishers."

Adam Turpin, a cadet with the rank of 2nd lieutenant, said: "We had seven fire extinguishers from the other Land Rovers. Three out of seven of them did not work. The flames kept reappearing. The fire was too strong and we just could not put the flames out."

After the two women were dragged from the Land Rover their colleagues smothered their bodies with blankets and camouflage jackets.

The inquest was told that the vehicle caught fire because petrol escaped from a fuel cap that had not been properly tightened. Roger Tombs, a fire investigator with Wiltshire Fire Brigade, said that he found the petrol cap on the driver's side was hanging off. "The petrol vapours would have been ignited by an electrical spark. I believe the cap was not properly tightened and it had been put on at an angle." The hearing continues.



Karen Buttenshaw, left, and Rebecca Norris, who were members of Oxford University Officer Training Corps

Radio 1 audience falls by a further 500,000

By Alexandra Frean
Media Correspondent

RADIO 1's audience fell by nearly half a million in the first three months of this year, more than twice as many listeners as deserted the station at the end of 1994, according to figures issued yesterday.

The decline, which took the station's weekly audience down from 11.01 million in December 1994 to 10.51 million by the end of March, represents a huge setback for the BBC which predicted in January that the station's listener figures were stabilising. Its audience has declined by more than five million in the past 18 months.

Sue Farr, head of marketing and publicity for BBC network radio, blamed a series of adjustments to the schedule and the departure of Steve Wright, the breakfast show presenter, which "unsettled audiences". Ms Farr said: "We still believe the losses are stabilising." She said that initial reactions to Chris Evans, the new breakfast show presenter, had been positive, and added that the figures compiled by Radio Joint Audience Research Limited showed that 1.8 million children listened to the station every week.

Across its stations, the BBC increased its share of the radio audience, taking 48.7 per cent compared with the commercial sector's 48.4 per cent. Radio 2 saw its audience share rise to a record 13.4 per cent, making it the country's most popular station. Radio 5 Live increased its audience by 360,000 listeners a week to 5.13 million.

□ Talk Radio, Britain's first 24-hour national speech-only commercial station, which came on the air on February 14 promising provocative presenters, attracted 1.6 million listeners in its first five weeks: three million had been predicted. John Aumonier, the station's managing director, said that he expected the audience to be three million a week by the middle of the year.

Jerry Thomas, who is to join Talk Radio from GMTV next week as programmes director, said he would ban "gratuitous swearing". This follows a series of complaints to the Radio Authority about bad language and offensive material. In its latest monthly bulletin, the authority upheld eight of the 25 complaints it had received against the station.

Opera chief appeals against noise fine

By Tim Jones

THE strains of Strauss and Haydn and the crashing of discarded champagne bottles combined to make life intolerable for residents of the village of Garsington, Oxford Crown Court was told yesterday.

According to some residents, the opera season at Garsington Manor destroyed the peace of otherwise perfect summer evenings. Their claims were made as Leonard Ingrams, chairman of Garsington Opera, appealed against a £1,000 fine imposed by magistrates for contravening noise regulations.

Paul Hunter, who lives with his wife and 14-month-old son within sight of the manor, which hopes this year to attract 9,000 people to 23 open-air performances, said: "The opera drove me to go away on holiday to the New Forest. It was like having muzak in the background all the time. The champagne bottles would crash at about 10.45pm. It was a frightening, abrupt noise, but at least I knew it was all over."

Monica Ward, a social worker, said the nights of the opera season made it impossible to sit in the garden. She had been threatened with High Court action if she used her motor mower during performances. Miss Ward said she had rejected an offer from the company for professional gardeners to mow her lawn.

At the start of his evidence Mr Ingrams said he had complied with all the regulations required of him and had received an assurance from the district council that there was no longer a problem. The case continues.



Farr: losses stabilising

Daffodils at risk from deadly grub

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

DAFFODILS are under attack from an insect pest that uses the flower's bulbs to incubate and nourish its grubs. Up to a quarter of the crop in the bulb-growing areas of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly have been attacked by the large narcissus fly so far this year.

Farmers fear the £30 million business may be finished in two or three years if the infestation is not controlled. Scientists with the Ministry of Agriculture are working to find a way of killing the pest, which lays its eggs in the soil. The grubs then burrow into the bulbs, feeding on them for nine months before hatching out as flies.

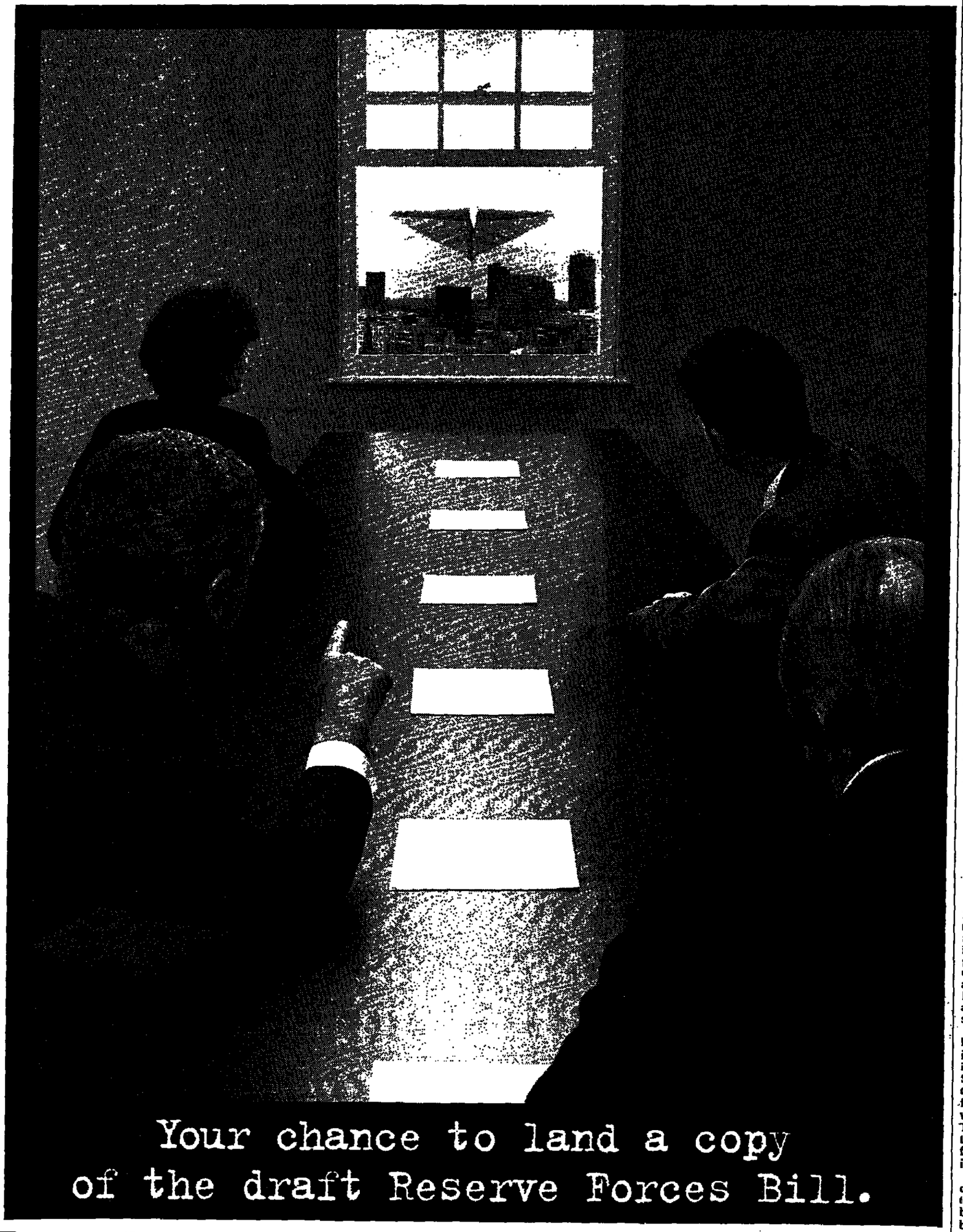
Aldrin, the pesticide that daffodil farmers used to use to control the insect, was banned four years ago because it was deemed too toxic for other wildlife. Two other chemicals have been identified as capable of controlling the fly, which resembles a small bumblebee. But one of them is also considered too toxic and the other is too costly.

Steve Tones, of the ministry's agricultural advisory service in Starcross, near Exeter, said yesterday that researchers across the country were studying the fly to discover a method of controlling it. One technique, stemming from a finding that daffodils in parks have a low infestation rate, might be to plant clover or grasses in and among the bulbs.

Flies also shy away from laying eggs in soils where daffodil leaves have been burnt. Researchers are studying the phenomenon to try to find a natural repellent. But Mr Tones said finding a treatment was a race against time and that the research was being hampered by lack of funds.

Jim Hosking, a member of the National Farmers' Union bulb committee, has a 100-acre narcissus farm at Tresillian, near Truro. Tests on areas of his fields have found 14 per cent of the bulbs already ruined, and a 11 per cent containing feeding grubs.

"It is very serious indeed. I don't think people realise the potential threat. If we can't control it, it will be like the times before the 1960s when chemicals against this fly were introduced. It would have been impossible then to build the large export trade in both flowers and bulbs we have today," he said.



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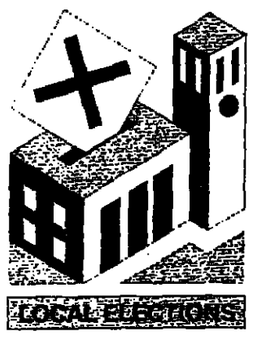
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Chelmsford Tories pin hopes on Labour resurgence

By Andrew Pierce



LOCAL ELECTIONS

FURTHER proof that Essex Man has deserted the Tories will be evident on Thursday if the old Roman fortress town of Chelmsford falls to the Liberal Democrats.

In 1991 the Tories regained the borough council from the Liberal Democrats against the national swing. But they lost absolute control at a by-election last December when one of their safest seats disappeared in a Liberal Democrat landslide.

Chelmsford Borough Council is a model of financial rectitude. The Tories are proud of their record in keeping spending below the level they inherited in 1991.

They have fought hard to stop the local election campaign being turned into a referendum on John Major. Essex, home of the Euro-rebel MPs Sir Teddy Taylor and Teresa Gorman, is still in love with Margaret Thatcher. Chelmsford, the county town, is not as enamoured with her successor.

Only the renaissance of the Labour Party under Tony Blair can save the Tories. In 1991 Labour secured two out of the 56 seats, all of which are being fought for on Thursday. Labour has high hopes of capturing six at the expense of the Liberal Democrats. The present breakdown is Tories 28, Liberal Democrats 22, Labour 2, and independents 4.

Chelmsford, a fairly prosperous commuter-belt town, has been hit by unemployment. The peace dividend has cost 2,500 jobs at the town's defence contractors since 1992. But last week the Tories were thrown a lifeline when the county council, controlled jointly by Labour and the Liberal Democrats, proposed the abolition of free passes for children who travel a long way to selected schools.

Chelmsford boasts two of the best performing grammar schools in the country, King Edward VI and Chelmsford County High School for Girls. The Tories, on the defensive throughout the campaign, have gone on the offensive.

But the Liberal Democrat mayor of Chelmsford is unrepentent. Michael Dilloway, 64, a retired Ford worker, said: "They only care about this in the Conservative clubs. When I tell parents in local schools they're considering abolishing free travel for children at posh schools they say 'good'. They are a minority of children at a minority of schools. Everyone else with children at comprehensive schools will say hard luck. The real issue here is John Major. He is our greatest asset."

Ken Wedon, the Tory group leader, is inclined to agree. "John Major is an issue. I think the Conservatives' record at Westminster and perhaps the Prime Minister are difficulties. We are in Essex. There was a great liking for Thatcherism. What we lack is national leadership.

"We are persuading people to judge us on our record. Few other local authorities are spending less than they were four years ago with no compulsory redundancies. The resurgence of the Labour Party will help us."

The election will provide one of the biggest tests of popularity of the three main parties in Chelmsford. The borough (population 154,000) includes the seats of three Tory MPs including Tony Newton, the Leader of the Commons.

On the streets of Chelmsford yesterday, Tory supporters gave the impression that they are likely to stay at home. Deborah Herron, 37, a mother of two, has always voted Tory but is unlikely to turn out on Thursday. Her husband, Robin, the director of a building company, feels the same. "I have always voted Tory but John Major is not inspiring," he said. "Tony Blair has improved the Labour Party's image, but I think the Tories have been there too long. I can't bring myself to vote for anybody else but I don't think I can support the Tories."

Joe Shelley, a retired postman, has alternated between Liberal and Tories over the past 10 years. "Politicians spend too much time arguing with each other but I think the Liberals are the nicest of the three," he said. "The others have had too many chances and messed up."



Michael Dilloway, Liberal Democrat Mayor of Chelmsford, and his wife. He says: "Major is our greatest asset"

> "The Liberals are best. The others have had too many chances and messed up"

Lib Dems show contempt for Clause 4 victory

By Alice Thomson, Political Reporter

THE Liberal Democrats poured scorn on the new-look Labour Party yesterday, accusing it of being riven by infighting, dogma and self-interest.

Only three days before polling for the local elections and after a weekend of Paddy Ashdown attacking the Government, the Liberal Democrats have finally turned their fire on Labour.

Yesterday they launched a document contrasting Labour's record in local government with their own and listed Labour councillors under investigation for smears and threats of violence and Labour councils that were mismanaging housing departments, adopting "misguided political correctness policies" and opposing open government.

The party is determined to win seats from "a smug and self-satisfied" Labour hierarchy and its "shambolic" local councillors in six key areas: Southampton, Stockport, Liverpool, Sheffield, Pendle and South Tyneside. They also want to make in-roads into Leicester, Corby, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bradford, Tower Hamlets, Stockton and Watford.

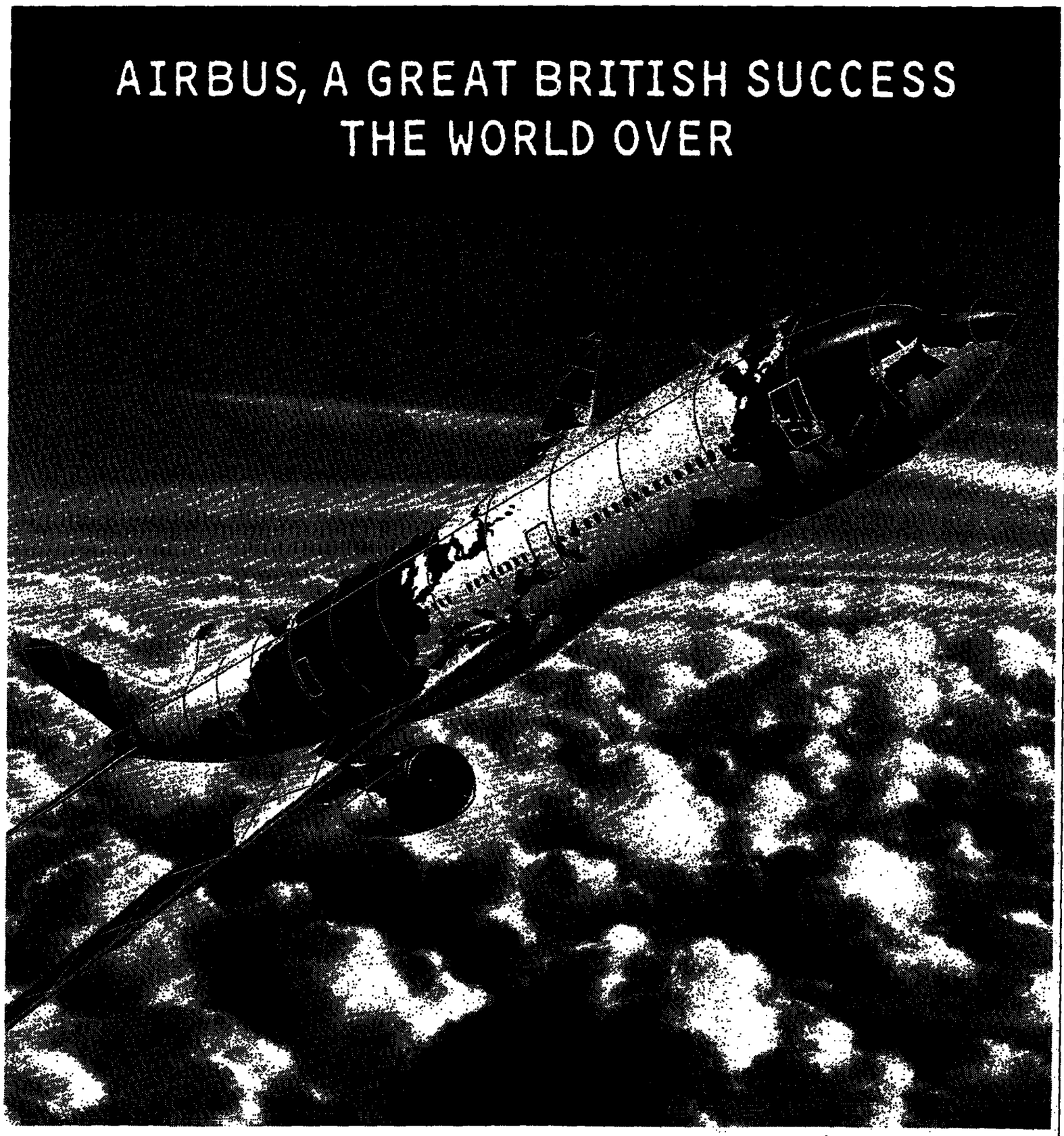
Nick Harvey, campaigns and communications chairman, said that it was ridiculous for Labour to pretend that it had been transformed by the Clause Four vote. "From Leicester to Liverpool, from Southwark to South Tyneside, the Labour Party in power locally already shows the ugly side of the Labour Party that wishes to be in power nationally. Labour is still promoting the policies and practices of old Labour and there is little prospect of old Labour going away."

Clause Four was a matter of "extreme indifference" to voters. "It is the bread and butter issues like education, rail privatisation and taxes that they are concerned about and they have no idea where labour stand on those," he said.

But his party will have a struggle to woo voters away from Labour. During a campaign visit to Southampton yesterday Tony Blair, the Labour leader, stopped to sign his autograph for a Liberal Democrat candidate.

Sara Coakley, who is standing for election in Bournemouth, asked Mr Blair to sign the back of her election pamphlet. "I admire you and I admire your policies though I am still a Liberal Democrat," she said.

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Ministers see BR sell-off as potential vote winner

By Nicholas Wood, Chief Political Correspondent

RAIL privatisation will end overcrowding on commuter routes and open up the prospect of ticket sales in corner shops, ministers indicated yesterday.

Despite Tony Blair's weekend success in routing supporters of Labour's traditional commitment to nationalisation, John Major's closest Cabinet allies are preparing to make the next round of state sell-offs a battleground at the general election. They believe that by emphasising the benefits to the consumer of privatisation they can give it a new lease of political life after the battering over "fat cat" salaries and share options.

Labour has ruled out spending vast sums of money on renationalising the privatised utilities such as electricity and water in favour of tighter regulation of their activities. But despite Mr Blair's modernising rhetoric, he remains strongly opposed to a sale of British Rail or the nuclear power companies. The Government believes that it can put Mr Blair on the spot by forging ahead with an aggressive new round of sell-offs.

The Prime Minister is said to believe that a renewed emphasis on policy is the way to expose the weaknesses of Mr Blair's position and highlight divisions in the Labour ranks.

Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, is understood to be ready to go onto the offensive over rail privatisation, promising the public higher standards of service in time for the next general election, when most of the network will be in private hands.

The disclosures came as Downing Street officials dismissed as "off-beam" press reports that the Government is getting cold feet over plans for a £2.5 billion flotation of Railtrack, which controls BR's 2,500 stations and 11,000 miles of track, next summer. "The Government remains committed to the privatisation of Railtrack within the lifetime of this Parliament," a Downing Street aide said.

Ministers also reaffirmed plans to sell Railtrack and the most modern nuclear power stations in twin privatisations next summer in a move expected to raise £5.5 billion — equivalent to nearly 3p off the basic rate of income tax.

Two key pledges are expected to underpin the renewed effort to win popular support for the BR sell-off: a strict limit on the number of passengers required to stand on peak-time commuter services and the likelihood that customers will be able to buy rail tickets at a variety of high street shops, including newsagents.

At present there is no limit on the number of standing passengers on busy lines. But once private operators become responsible for services — which begins next year — they will be subject to strict curbs on overcrowding set out in the passenger-service requirements for each line issued by the rail watchdog Opras. Guards will have to police the number of standing passengers and firms that win franchises to run services will have to supply extra trains on crowded lines. "The days of passengers packed into carriages like sardines are numbered," one senior Whitehall source said yesterday.

It is also understood that after the controversy over proposals to cut the number of stations selling tickets to any destination, moves are now afoot to make tickets far more widely available. Three big organisations, including the National Federation of Retail Newsagents, are said to be negotiating for the right to sell rail tickets. Ministers intend that the new outlets would have computer systems as good as those used by BR and that they would provide passengers as least as much information about their planned journeys.

A new range of leaflets comparing the relative costs and convenience of rail journeys offered by rival rail companies is also planned.

"We are breaking new ground here," a Whitehall source said. "The case for privatisation has been largely made on ideological grounds in the past. In the future, it will be on the grounds that it is best for the consumer."



John Prescott, left, and Tony Blair at a press conference yesterday at which the Labour leader sought to shift his modernisation drive from party reform to policy reform

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Aitken writs may prevent open hearing

By Arthur Leathley
Political Correspondent

JONATHAN AITKEN'S legal action over claims that he was involved in arms sales to Iran threatens calls for a public Commons inquiry into his stay at the Paris Ritz.

Labour MPs on the Commons Privileges Committee had hoped to persuade Tory members to back their calls for evidence about his visit to be heard in public rather than behind closed doors. The decision last month by the Chief Secretary to the Treasury to issue libel writs means that an open inquiry could jeopardise the legal proceedings.

There were allegations last year that Mr Aitken's hotel stay had been paid for by an Arab businessman. The claims, which suggested that Mr Aitken had breached Commons rules by failing to declare the hospitality, were denied by the minister.

The investigation by the privileges committee, which began last night, will centre on the *The Guardian*'s use of Commons notepaper for a letter purporting to be from Mr Aitken.

The inquiry has been overshadowed by allegations published last month that Mr Aitken was a director of a weapons company which breached an embargo by exporting arms to Iran. The minister has issued writs against *The Guardian* and Granada Television, which also made the allegations.

☐ The report of the Nolan committee, which will recommend restrictions on former ministers moving into lucrative jobs and an ombudsman to oversee the conduct of MPs, will be delivered to John Major next week.

Tories are feeling sharp touch of sensible Labour

Now comes the hard part. The exhilaration of the Clause Four vote on Saturday has produced at times almost a revolutionary fervour in the Blair camp. Nothing, it seems, is ruled out. Tony Blair has won an opportunity to set his party's agenda. There will be further organisational changes, but they will not come easily, nor are they a priority. What matters, as Mr Blair accepts, is new policy thinking: to define what New Labour means.

Mr Blair talked yesterday of being liberated. One almost expected a snatch of *Fidelio* at his news conference. The vote, he said, had "liberated Labour from the chains of dogma and the charges of betrayal" (though I wouldn't bet on the latter given the resentments of the hard-Left). The decision "frees us to have a real dialogue with all who are involved in industry". The enemy, he indicated, was sectional and vested interests.

The first attempt to define the new approach came from Gordon Brown. The Shadow Chancellor believes, on the basis of long experience, that a message has to be repeated several times for it to be heard, let alone understood. The first half of his speech was a reprise on familiar themes of leaving behind old conflicts between public and private sectors, state and markets, managers and employees. Instead, he talked of a dynamic market economy and of government and industry working in partnership. It is easy to complain about these buzz words, while forgetting how different the language of New Labour is from that of the 1970s and early 1980s.

The theme of Mr Brown's speech, the first of four on the economy over the next few weeks, was competition. There was no shortage of detail with proposals to tighten regulation of privatised utilities, introducing more competition where possible; to streamline the official machinery against monopolies and restrictive practices to produce a more active approach; and to provide additional protection of consumers, particularly in the purchase of financial services. He also floated various suggestions to encourage long-term investment of the type heard from the more thoughtful type of company chairman or fund manager. It was a mixture of the National Consumer Council, the Cadbury committee and the CBI, a kind of corporate Fabianism.

The package is a long way from the mixture of "bigger is best" and "second guessing the market" which characterised Labour industrial policy from the early 1960s until the late 1970s, from the Industrial Reorganisation Corporation to the National Enterprise Board. It is arguable how much the proposed structural changes to promote a long-term view among pension funds and companies will make a real difference to industrial performance and the growth rate, but there is little to justify Tory attacks about old-style interventionism. It is less the man in Whitehall knows best than the man in Whitehall is on your, the consumers', side. Much will depend on how the utilities' regulators judges prices and profits and how the new competition agency works — on which Jack Cunningham, Labour's trade and industry spokesman, has more to say. Labour is not alone in believing that Michael Heseltine has been too complacent about the erosion of competition.

Politically, the package could be appealing. Mr Brown has a sharp populist touch, as shown by his successful attacks over the winter on abuses by monopoly utilities. Many consumers of financial services, whether pensions or endowment mortgages, feel aggrieved at present. Labour's proposals offer some sensible remedies and are a further sign of the party's attempt to reach out to the insecurities of Middle England. The Government has been warned. Labour is now fighting on its ground and the lexicon of the 1970s will not work. The Tories will have to respond to Mr Brown in detail. But they still have time to steal some of New Labour's clothes.

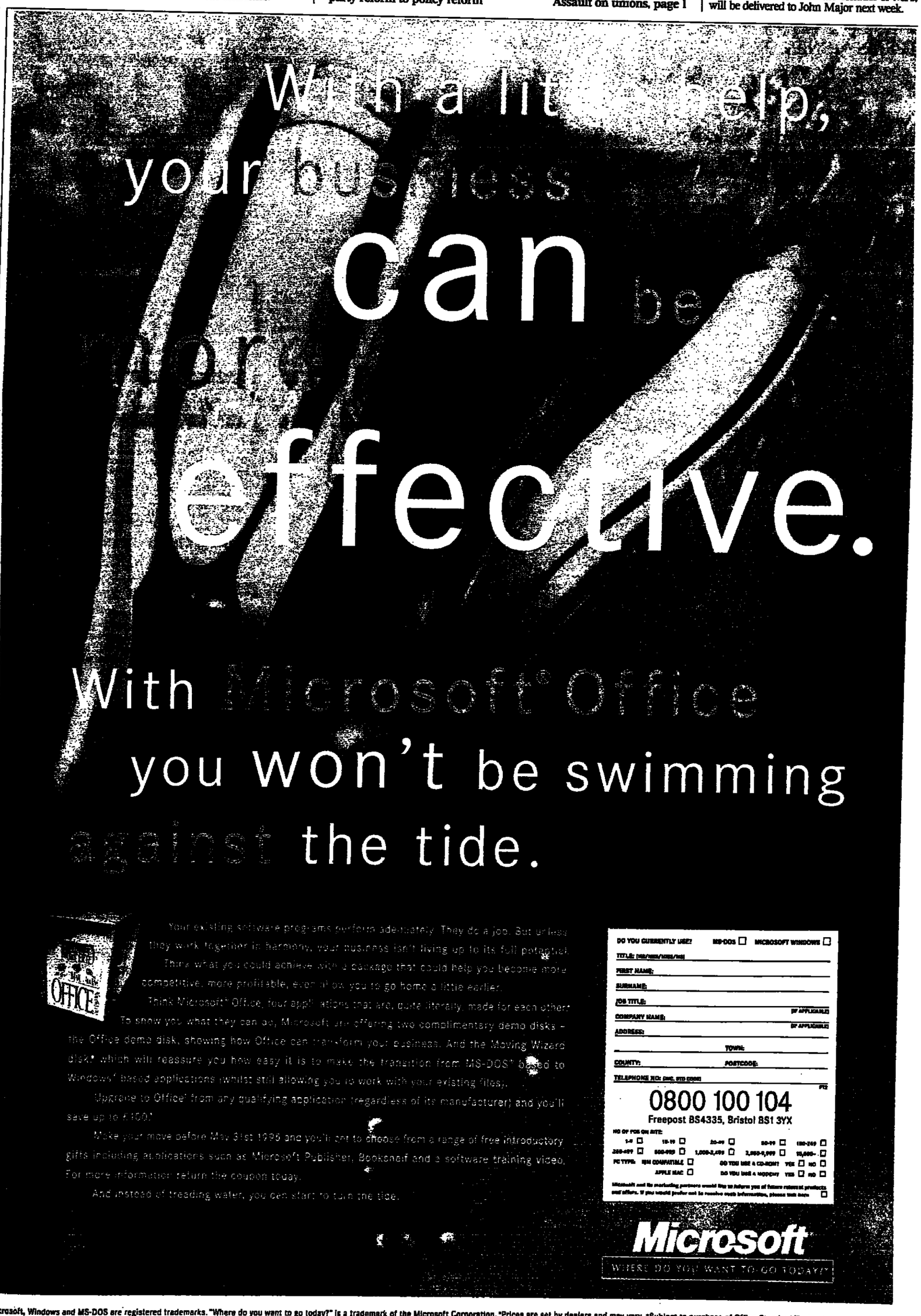
Peter Riddell

In Parliament

YESTERDAY in the Commons: questions to social security ministers and the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster were followed by a debate on the Children (Scotland) Bill. In the Lords: debates on the Olympic Symbol (Protection) Bill, the Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Bill and the Human Rights Bill.

TODAY in the Commons: questions to defence ministers and the Prime Minister will be followed by a debate on the remaining stages of the Atomic Energy Authority Bill. In the Lords: debates on the Licensing (Sunday Hours) Bill, Agricultural Tenancies Bill, Private International Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill and Law Reform (Succession) Bill.

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GERMANS SURRENDER IN ITALY

UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF ALLIED DEMANDS

NEARLY 1,000,000 MEN LAY DOWN ARMS

LARGE PART OF AUSTRIA IN CAPITULATION AREA

The unconditional surrender of the German armies in Italy to Field-Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, Allied Supreme Commander, Mediterranean, was announced from allied headquarters in the Mediterranean yesterday evening. The news was communicated to the House of Commons by the Prime Minister.

Hostilities ceased at noon yesterday. Nearly a million men have laid down their arms.

The territory—that of the German south-west command—includes all northern Italy to the Isonzo river in the north-east and the Austrian provinces of Vorarlberg, Tirol, and Salzburg, and portions of Carinthia and Styria. The surrender allows the allies to advance unhindered to within 10 miles of Berchtesgaden.

TERMS SIGNED ON SUNDAY

GERMAN DELEGATES AT CASERTA

MEDITERRANEAN H.Q., May 2.—The surrender of the German armies in Italy was announced here officially to-day. A special *communiqué* from Allied Headquarters, Mediterranean, said:—

"Enemy land, sea, and air forces commanded by General von Vietinghoff-Scheel have surrendered unconditionally to Field-Marshal Sir Harold Alexander. The terms of the surrender provide for the cessation of hostilities at 12 noon G.M.T. Wednesday, May 2, 1945.

"The instrument of surrender was signed on Sunday afternoon, April 29, at allied force headquarters at Caserta by two German plenipotentiaries and by Lieutenant-General W. D. Morgan, chief of staff of Allied Force Headquarters. One German representative signed on behalf of General von Vietinghoff-Scheel and the other on behalf of Obergruppenführer Karl Wolff, supreme commander of the S.S. and police and the German general plenipotentiary of the *Wehrmacht* in Italy.

"After signing the document of unconditional surrender the two German plenipotentiaries returned by a secret route to General Vietinghoff's headquarters in the High Alps to arrange the surrender of German and Italian land, air, and naval forces.

"The territory in General Vietinghoff's south-west command includes all northern Italy to the Isonzo river in the north-east and the Austrian provinces of Vorarlberg, Tirol, and Salzburg, and portions of Carinthia and Styria.

"The enemy's total forces, including combat and rear echelon troops, surrendered to the allies are estimated to number nearly 1,000,000 men. The fighting troops include the remnants of 22 German and six Italian Fascist divisions.

"The instrument of surrender consists of six short paragraphs. Three appendices giving details pertaining to the land, sea, and air forces were attached to the instrument.

TERMS IMPOSED

"The following terms are imposed:—

"First, unconditional surrender by the German commander-in-chief, south-west, of all forces under his command or control on land, sea, or air to the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean theatre of operations.

"Secondly, the cessation of all hostilities on land, on sea, or in the air by enemy forces at 1200 hours G.M.T., May 2, 1945.

"Thirdly, the immediate immobilization and disarmament of enemy ground, sea, and air forces.

"Fourthly, an obligation on the part of the German commander-in-chief, south-west, to carry out any further orders issued by the supreme allied command, Mediterranean theatre.

"Fifthly, disobedience of orders or failure to comply with them will be dealt with in accordance with the accepted laws and usages of war.

"The instrument of surrender stipulates that it is independent of, without prejudice to, and will be superseded by any general instrument of surrender imposed by or on behalf of the United Nations and applicable to Germany and the German armed forces as a whole.

"The instrument of surrender and appendices is written in English and German. The English version is the authentic text.

"The decision of the Supreme Allied Command, Mediterranean theatre, will be final if any doubt or dispute arises as to the meaning or interpretation of the surrender terms.

"The signing took place in the office of General Morgan in the presence of British, United States, and U.S.S.R. officers, including Lieutenant-General Robertson, Chief Administrative Officer, Allied Force Headquarters; Major-General Lemnitzer, Deputy Chief of Staff; Rear-Admiral H. A. Packer, Chief of Staff to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean; Rear-Admiral S. S. Lewis, Chief of Staff to the Commander United States Naval Forces in North African Waters; Major-General Chauncey, Chief of Staff to Mediterranean Allied Air Forces; Air Vice-Marshal G. B. A. Baker, Chief of Staff to the Deputy Air Commander-in-Chief; and many other senior allied staff officers."—*Reuter.*

A COMPLETE ROUT

F.-M. ALEXANDER'S ORDER OF THE DAY

ALLIED H.Q., MEDITERRANEAN, May 2.—In an order of the day to his troops, Field-Marshal Sir Harold Alexander says:—

After nearly two years of hard and continuous fighting which started in Sicily in the summer of 1943, you stand to-day as victors of the Italian campaign. You have won a victory which has ended in the complete and utter rout of the German armed forces in the Mediterranean. By clearing Italy of the last Nazi aggressor you have liberated a country of over 40,000,000 people.

To-day the remnants of the once proud army have laid down their arms to you—close on 1,000,000 men with all their arms, equipment, and impediments. You may well be proud of this great victorious campaign, which will long live in history as one of the greatest and most successful ever waged.

No praise is high enough for you, sailors, soldiers, airmen, and workers of the united forces in Italy, for your magnificent triumph. My gratitude to you and my admiration is unbounded and only equalled by the pride which is mine of being your commander-in-chief.—*Reuter.*

REWARD OF ALLIED STRATEGY

SOUTHERN REDOUBT NOW IMPOSSIBLE

FROM OUR MILITARY CORRESPONDENT

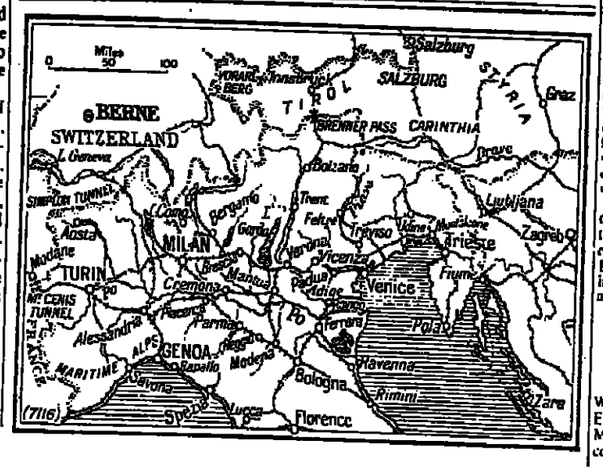
The 15th Army Group has brought it off first against what would only a short time ago have been considered all probability. The remnant of a great German army group, with the naval and air forces which supported it, has surrendered unconditionally. The policy of unconditional surrender, which has come in for some criticism, has fully justified itself in Italy.

Provided that General von Vietinghoff's writ runs throughout the wide area occupied by his scattered forces, not another shot will be fired in Italy or in the great area outside it included in the terms of surrender. The best equipped of the German army groups has been completely broken by the lightning offensive carried out by General Mark Clark under the direction of Field-Marshal Sir Harold Alexander. Making this difficult country its ally, the 15th Army Group has driven the enemy into a series of blind alleys, from which escape was impossible.

Some may have struggled across the Brenner, but if so it has only been to march into the arms of the allies on the northern side, and it is unlikely that many have escaped even thus far. It has been a complete overthrow, as complete as any in history, and if its effects have been consolidated and would have been impossible without the victory of the allies beyond the Alps—itself almost complete now—that is but a tribute to the higher allied strategy which coordinated the two campaigns. And if the main theatre has aided the Italian theatre, that has played a great part in clinching victory in the main theatre because it has put an end to the possibility of serious resistance in Bavaria.

So German intervention in the Mediterranean, begun to bolster up Italy, to cover the right flank of the great offensive against Russia, and to provide a right wing which in conjunction with that offensive was to subdue the whole of the Middle East, has ended in overwhelming disaster. Tunisia and Italy will stand together as the scenes of two of the heaviest defeats suffered by Germany in this war.

The strategy pursued in the Mediterranean, which is in line with that pursued against Napoleon but has been even more effective, has proved itself sound to the core. The great achievements of the services of land, sea, and air of the allies have reaped their full and just reward.



THE GERMANS SIGN

A STERN RECEPTION

CASERTA PALACE AS SETTING

CASERTA PALACE, NEAR NAPLES, April 29 (delayed).—I watched the signing of the document for the German surrender in a small room on the second floor of this palace.

Representatives of all branches of the armed forces of Britain and America gathered at one end of a long, narrow, highly polished table. General Morgan entered, took a seat at the table, and called for the German delegates to be admitted. The Germans, a lieutenant-colonel and a major, dressed in civilian clothes—smartly cut check sports coats, grey flannel trousers, and brown shoes—entered hesitatingly and stood glumly at the other end of the table.

General Morgan addressed the Germans sternly, asking if they were prepared to sign terms on behalf of their respective generals. When they assented he said: "I am empowered by Field-Marshal Alexander to sign on his behalf. The terms are effective from noon, May 2. I will now ask you to sign the document."

The German lieutenant-colonel rather truculently asked permission to make a statement. When permission was given he declared that he had received a limited commission to negotiate and had exceeded these limits on his own initiative and was therefore unable to guarantee that the terms would be accepted. General Morgan accepted this condition, and the Germans signed five copies of the document, which were then signed by General Morgan. The Germans were given three copies, one in German, and the remainder were kept for the Allied Supreme Command.

After he had signed, General Morgan, in the same stern tone he had used all along, said: "Thank you. I ask you to withdraw now." The German officers bowed slightly and withdrew with the escorting officers. The whole ceremony had taken just over 17 minutes, though the negotiations preceding it had taken more than a month.

Explaining to Press representatives what the surrender meant, General Morgan said: "If the terms just signed are obeyed, we are practically in Berchtesgaden."

As we were leaving the room we caught a glimpse of Field-Marshal Alexander chatting in Russian with the two Russian representatives.—*Reuter.*

ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE COMMONS

MR. CHURCHILL'S TRIBUTE TO F.-M. ALEXANDER

WESTMINSTER, WEDNESDAY

The PRIME MINISTER came to the House of Commons this evening and announced the unconditional surrender of the German forces in Italy.

The news, MR. CHURCHILL'S elaboration of it and his tributes to Field-Marshal Alexander, General Mark Clark, and the forces under their command were heard intently by a House which began rapidly to fill after it became known in the precincts that an announcement was to be made.

There were loud cheers when the PRIME MINISTER spoke of the size of the territory, vital in its character and to the future of the war, which had fallen into the hands of Field-Marshal Alexander, and gave the figure of 1,000,000 as the number of the enemy forces which had surrendered—a record in the war.

MR. CHURCHILL, describing the various races from which our Italian forces had been drawn, said that only some personality of commanding qualities could have kept them together. The House cheered heartily when he declared in conclusion that Field-Marshal Alexander had always enjoyed the fullest confidence of the House.

Mr. Churchill's statement is given in the Parliamentary report on page 8.

MUSSOLINI'S LAST NEGOTIATIONS

A DELAYED SIGNATURE

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

MILAN, MAY 2

I have received a narrative of the events which led up to Mussolini's flight from Milan on the evening of April 25 from a man who played a leading part in the final *pourparlers* between Mussolini, the Germans, and the partisans.

He is a Milan industrialist, Commendatore Cella, vice-president of the Isotta-Fraschini Company. It is clear that Mussolini was prepared to sign the surrender of the Italian forces. Terms had been drawn up for surrender with a provision to safeguard the lives of Mussolini and other leading Fascists and their families against mob violence. Cardinal Schuster, Archbishop of Milan, was mainly responsible for negotiating the agreement.

According to Cella, Cardinal Schuster received an assurance from the German General Wolff, who had been appointed a plenipotentiary by General von Vietinghoff, that the Germans would sign the surrender at the archbishop's palace on the afternoon of the 25th. Mussolini went thither with Graziani and Zerbini, Minister of the Interior, and met General Cadorna and Signor Marazza, the Christian Democrats' representative on the Committee of National Liberation, as delegates of the partisans. Cella was present. The protocols were all ready, but Mussolini refused to sign before the Germans. The Germans, however, failed to appear; and Mussolini waited for two hours and then returned to the prefecture, where, after a violent explosion of anger, he decided to leave for Como.

On the way to Como he encountered the German General Leyers, who had been dispatched by General Wolff to attend the meeting with the cardinal, but had been attacked by partisans and had not been able to get through. The brush with the partisans was terminated by the arrival of Mussolini with armoured cars. The whole party, nevertheless, proceeded to Como.

MR. CURTIN

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

CANBERRA, MAY 2

Mr. Curtin, the Prime Minister, had a comfortable night and his condition shows improvement. The Duke of Gloucester visited him to-day.

GERMANY IN CHAOS

DÖNITZ WITHOUT BACKING

RIBBENTROP OUT OF OFFICE

From Our Diplomatic Correspondent

The political chaos in Germany matches the military disintegration. Many rumours are rife and the facts are few, but such information as is reaching London serves to confirm the split which has now taken place in the ranks. The extent of Dönitz's following has yet to be shown, but present signs are that it is small and that his own authority is uncertain.

He is attempting to form some sort of Administration, but so far it has not gone beyond the appointment of Count Lutz von Schwerin-Krosigk in supersession of Joachim von Ribbentrop as Foreign Minister. Schwerin-Krosigk, who was Finance Minister under Hitler and is a member of the old German aristocracy, has no strong party affiliations; and the fact that Dönitz should have made such a choice has led to the speculation that he may be hankering after an accommodation with the Western Powers. Last night he broadcast a speech which might well have been written by Ribbentrop or even Hitler.

DISTRAUGHT LEADERS

Schwerin-Krosigk is an old Rhodes Scholar. His English is perfect. If, by appointing him, Dönitz supposed that there was a chance of getting better terms from Great Britain and the United States, then no better evidence of the distraught condition to which German leadership has been reduced could be provided. The announcement of Schwerin-Krosigk's appointment was made by the north German wireless in the briefest and most formal way, and it was not even mentioned that he was displacing Ribbentrop. Little has been heard of Hitler's Foreign Minister—an arrogant, stupid, and sinister man—for many weeks.

Apart from the announcement of the dismissal of Ribbentrop, the German wireless yesterday had virtually nothing to say about the régime. There was an appeal broadcast to the German forces in Norway calling for unconditional obedience to the new Head of the State.

Even in the abnormal conditions now prevailing in Germany it might have been expected that the death of Hitler and the assumption of authority by another would have been accompanied by expressions of loyalty from the party leaders and chiefs of the armed forces. These pledges have yet to be given. Nor has there been any confirmation that the transfer of authority was in fact made. Martin Bormann, who succeeded Hess as Hitler's deputy, and was given wide powers as head of the party chancery, would normally have been present on such an occasion, but no mention is made of him, and he is stated to have gone to ground. Goebbels, too, does not come into the picture.

Such military leaders as Keitel are equally silent. In the circumstances it is natural that the question is being asked whether Dönitz, a fanatic like Hitler himself, did not act on his own responsibility and without the authority of the acknowledged representatives of the party and the armed forces. There is much to suggest that he is a self-styled Führer.

Those who have followed German events closely are not disposed to credit the theory that the story of Hitler's death is all a fake. It would be more satisfactory if the body could be produced, and the Russians, having completed the conquest of Berlin, may yet be able to do it. Himmler's testimony is for once generally accepted, and it is believed that he spoke truthfully when he told Count Bernadotte that Hitler was suffering from cerebral haemorrhage and was a dying man.

HIMMLER WAITING

As for Himmler's position, some points remain to be clarified. He has not yet aligned himself either for or against Dönitz. So far as can be judged, he remains in control of the S.S. and other party formations, and it is known that in the event of Hitler's death he looked on himself as the legitimate successor. There is nothing to support the view that he is acting in concert with Dönitz.

Too much significance ought not to be attached to Count Bernadotte's statement that he had not seen Himmler again and had not brought any new message from him. It is to be assumed, in the light of the military situation, and of Himmler's own assessment of it, that the allied leaders did not expect a verbal or written reply to their demand that any offer of unconditional surrender must be addressed to Russia as well as to Great Britain and the United States. It is still not ruled out that Himmler will yet announce the surrender of Germany, although he may await the failure of Dönitz's own move before doing so.

GEN. EISENHOWER ON HITLER'S END

NOT "A HERO'S DEATH"

PARIS, May 2.—General Eisenhower today authorized a statement that Admiral Dönitz's report that Hitler met a hero's death in Berlin did not agree with a statement made by Himmler to Count Bernadotte during their meeting on April 24. The statement was as follows:—

Admiral Dönitz stated in a broadcast on the night of May 1 that Hitler had met a hero's death and that he, Admiral Dönitz, had been nominated by Hitler before his death as his successor, both as Reich Chancellor and Supreme Commander of the *Wehrmacht*.

In virtue of this, Admiral Dönitz claims that the allegiance of the German army is now transferred from Adolf Hitler to him. In view of these assertions by Dönitz, the following information is made public:—

A meeting took place at Lübeck at 1 a.m. on April 24 between Count Folke Bernadotte, of the International Red Cross, and Reichsführer Heinrich Himmler. At this meeting Himmler admitted that Germany was finished. He told Count Bernadotte that Hitler was so ill he might be already dead. At any rate he could not be expected to live more than two days longer. General Schillenburg, who was also present, added that Hitler was suffering from brain hemorrhage.

Dönitz's statement, therefore, that Hitler met a hero's death at his post is in contradiction with the facts given by Himmler and Schillenburg.

In conclusion, it must be stressed that the attempt by Dönitz, both in his statement to the German people and in his order of the day to the *Wehrmacht*, to drive a wedge between the British and Americans on the one side and the Russians on the other will be as completely ineffective as the many previous efforts made.

Constant contact is being maintained not only between the three Governments, but between this headquarters and the headquarters of the Soviet Army, and nothing which either Dönitz or Himmler may say or do can change in any way the agreed operations of the allied armies.—*Reuter.*

MR. DE VALERA AND HITLER

Mr. de Valera, accompanied by Mr. J. P. Walshe, secretary to the Department of External Affairs, called on the German Minister in Dublin last evening to express his condolence on Hitler's death.

KROSIGK'S CRY OF WOE

BOLSHEVIST BOGY REVIVED

"STARVATION AND WAR"

Count Schwerin von Krosigk, the new German Foreign Minister, broadcasting to the nation last night, said:—

German men and women, Grand Admiral Dönetz, whom our Führer designated as his successor, has entrusted me with the conduct of the Foreign Ministry. In the most tragic hour of Germany I turn to the public. The world is still echoing to the din of weapons. German men are still falling in their last fight to defend their German fatherland. In the streets of still unoccupied Germany a great stream of desperate and famished people is rolling westwards, pursued by fighter-bombers, in flight from indescribable terror. In the east the iron curtain behind which, unseen by the eyes of the world, the work of destruction goes on is moving steadily forward.

UNUSED NEW WEAPONS

In San Francisco they are deliberating on the organization of a new world order which is to give mankind security against a new war. The world knows very well that a third world war will not bring about the fall of a nation, but the end of humanity. The terrible weapons which there has been no time to apply in this war would take full effect in a third world war, and would sow death and destruction amid humanity.

We Germans have felt more than any other people in the world the fullest force of what war and its destruction means. Our towns are destroyed, our monuments of culture in Dresden, Nuremberg, Cologne, Bayreuth, and other centres of world-wide renown lie in ruins. Our cathedrals have fallen victims to bombs. Hundreds of thousands of women and children have been carried off by the furies of war, while millions of German men and youths have died on the battlefields. If, therefore, from the very hearts of tortured women and mothers a fervent prayer rises to heaven that the world may be spared the horrors of a new war, it comes most strongly and longingly from the heart of the German people.

THE ALTERNATIVES

With us, all European peoples threatened with starvation and Bolshevist terror are awaiting a new order, which would bring a real and durable peace to this continent ploughed by the terror war, together with the possibility of a free and secure life. As more and more of the German east, which should be the larder of the hungry people of Europe, falls into the hands of the Bolshevists, famine is bound to overtake Europe quickly. Bolshevism is going to thrive on this soil of starvation and need. A Bolshevized Europe will be the first step on the road to world revolution which the Soviets have been following for 25 years. The achievement of that goal or a third world war are the inescapable alternatives.

I therefore do not see in San Francisco the fulfilment of what humanity in its mortal anguish is longing for. We, too, believe that a world order should be established which would prevent further war and eliminate in time the causes of such wars. But one cannot create such an order by making the wolf into a shepherd. For four years Germany has waged a heroic war without precedent, engaging its very last forces, to be Europe's and also the world's bulwark against the red flood. It could have saved Europe from Bolshevism if its rear had not been threatened.

"JUST SOCIAL ORDER"

Humanity longs for the solution of the burning social questions that exist in every country. Such a solution cannot be found in Bolshevism. It must be based on a just social order which respects the liberty and dignity of the individual. We sincerely believe that we can make a contribution towards such a solution. We have shown that unemployment in peacetime can be overcome, even in the most difficult economic conditions. We created just and dignified working and living conditions for our workers, and thus deprived Bolshevism of the chance ever to flourish in our country.

The world at the present juncture stands before the greatest decision ever faced by mankind. The manner in which this decision is met will result in chaos or order, in war or peace, in life or death.—*Reuter.*

LONDON TRAM AND BUS STRIKE

4,700 MEN CEASE WORK

FROM OUR LABOUR CORRESPONDENT

Without warning yesterday morning 4,300 tram and trolley bus men and 400 bus men of London refused to go on duty. Many routes were affected and the public inconvenience was great.

On some other routes the crews of the vehicles were "working to rule," which means that they were punctiliously carrying out every rule and taking their time in doing it, so that the services were much delayed. Officials of the Transport and General Workers' Union, who admitted that there was no justification for the strike, took the optimistic view that it would be over in a day or two and would not get any worse. Nothing that occurred during the day showed the ground of their optimism.

The grievance of the strikers is connected with the summer services. These would have been introduced a week ago, but, to remove objections, the L.P.T.B. had further discussions, and the union leaders took the opinion of a conference of representatives of the London Bus Section of the union, which decided that the schedule of services should be worked.

To the inconvenience and annoyance caused to the travelling public there was an added soreness when passengers were taken part of their journey and then told to alight because the bus would not travel on a route affected by the strike.

The following services were not running yesterday:—

CENTRAL BUSES.—Routes 12, 54, 59, 64, 115, 133, 197, and 234a.

TRAMWAY ROUTES.—2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 78, 94, 615, 617, 627, 639, 653.

TROLLEY BUS ROUTES.—513, 517, 611, 612, 613, 615, 617, 627, 639, 653.

Buses on routes 47, 51, 119, 138, and 146 from Bromley garage were "working to rule."

"THE TIMES" SETS OF BROADSHEETS

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The third series of *The Times* Broadsheets is now on sale. It comprises sets 13 to 18, and each set contains eight broadsheets placed in an envelope convenient for posting.

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The Times Broadsheets contain a wide range of extracts from English literature. The chief intention is to provide an anthology attractive to those on active service, and appreciative letters have come from service recipients all over the world.

The limitation of copies imposed by the paper shortage will cause some disappointment. The first and second series were sold out immediately upon publication. Early application is, therefore, advisable.

RESISTANCE ENDS IN BERLIN

BRITISH CAPTURE LÜBECK AND RUSSIANS TAKE ROSTOCK

JUNCTION OF FORCES IMMINENT ON BALTIC COAST

An order of the day addressed last night by Marshal Stalin to the Red Army and the Red Navy announced that thegarrison of Berlin surrendered at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The capture yesterday of Wismar, on the Balic, by the 6th Airborne Division has brought British forces to within less than 30 mlies of forces of the 2nd White Russian font, which, about the same time, took Rostock, also on the Baltic. A junction between British and Russian forces would seem to be imminent.

ROUT OF BERLIN GARRISON

70,000 PRISONERS

Marshal Stalin, in an order of the day addressed to the Red Army and the Red Navy, last night said:—

Troops of the 1st White Russian front, commanded by Marshal Zhukov, in cooperation with troops of the 1st Ukrainian front, commanded by Marshal Konev, to-day, after stubborn street battles, completed the rout of the Berlin garrison and captured the city of Berlin, the capital of Germany, the centre of German imperialism, and the hearth of German aggression.

The garrison of Berlin defending the city, headed by the officer in command of the defence of Berlin, General of Artillery Webling,



and his staff, to-day at 3 p.m. ceased resistance, laid down their arms, and surrendered.

By 9 p.m. our troops in Berlin had taken more than 70,000 prisoners.

In another order of the day, addressed to Marshal Zhukov and his chief of staff, Colonel-General Malinin, and to Marshal Konev and his chief of staff, Army-General Petrov, Marshal Stalin said:—

Troops of the 1st White Russian and 1st Ukrainian fronts to-day completed the destruction of the German grouping surrounded south-east of Berlin.

Between April 24 and May 2 troops of these commands took more than 120,000 German prisoners.

In a third order of the day, addressed to Marshal Rokossovsky and his Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-General Bogolyubov, Marshal Stalin said:—

Troops of the 2nd White Russian Front, developing their offensive, to-day captured the towns of Rostock and Warnemünde, important ports and German naval bases on the Baltic. They also captured Ribnitz, Marlow, Laage, Teterow, and Mirow.

Warnemünde is seven miles north-west of Rostock, Ribnitz 15 miles north-east of Rostock, Marlow 18 miles north-east of Rostock, Laage 13 miles south-east of Rostock, Teterow 26 miles south-east of Rostock, and Mirow 60 miles south-east of Rostock.

BRITISH ADVANCE TO THE BALTIC

TWO PORTS ENTERED

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NORTH-WEST GERMANY, MAY 2

The British 6th Airborne Division reached the coast of the Baltic Sea at Wismar, due north of Schwerin, to-day, and a little later the British 11th Armoured Division carried their sign of the fighting bull into the port of Lübeck.

Behind them the British and American joint holding across the Elbe had ceased to be a bridgehead, having been expanded to a frontage of 50 miles and deepened, apart from these two great thrusts of advance, by many miles throughout its length. Another finger pushed forward by United States infantry earlier to-day had reached into Schwerin, while earlier still British infantry, advancing between our airborne and our armoured troops, had got to the town of Mölln, due south of Lübeck. Yet another thrust was made this morning by United States armour on the right to the town of Ludwigslust, due east of the Elbe and of Lüneburg.

All the cities and towns involved in this extraordinary series of advances surrendered after only slight or even no opposition, and the question now being asked in Field-Marshal Montgomery's army group is where the German troops are. One suggestion is that they may have gone farther eastward to meet the Russians, now not many miles distant from our most advanced elements; another is that they may be moving northward into Denmark. Probably they are moving in both of these directions.

The longest advance to-day has been made by the British airborne men, who since the Rhine crossing have emulated their device of the winged horse Pegasus. There are American airborne men too in this movement beyond the Elbe.

ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE INTO DENMARK

GERMANS MOVING NORTH

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

PARIS, MAY 2

Large concentrations of German transport observed to-day moving northward from Schwerin and Lübeck indicate that the enemy is trying to escape into Denmark and the northern bastion through the rapidly dwindling corridor formed by the British advance from Field-Marshal Montgomery's bridgehead across the Elbe.

The latest reports say that our forces are sealing off the peninsula formed by Denmark and Schleswig-Holstein. This operation, as is pointed out at Supreme Headquarters this evening, is now closely related to the Russian westerly advance from north of Berlin. These Russian forces must soon join hands with the British forces advancing from Hagenow.

The American drive across Bavaria into the southern redoubt is bringing the Seventh Army a big haul of German commanders, who, by common accord, seem to ave chosen these remote mountain resorts fc their retirement. Last night an American ink crew entered Bad Tölz, near the Austrianfrontier, captured Field-Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt, commander-in-chief in the west ntil he was superseded by Kesselring in the middle of March. It was Rundstedt who hadthe overall direction of all the fateful battlesfrom the Norman beaches to the Rhine and those last gamble, apparently under orders from Hitler, was the Christmas offensive in theArdennes, which was certainly not lacking i tactical skill and daring. He had been receiving medical treatment at Bad Tölz, and withhim were his wife and his son, who also served as his *aide de camp*. Rundstedt told his scort that he last saw Hitler alive on March 2.

General Patch's forces hve also liberated the inmates of a prison camp in the Füssen area, containing a number ofprominent French soldiers and statesmen, including M. Yvon Delbos, a former Foreign Minister, and M. Ybarnégaray, who held offie in many French Cabinets. Among the Frerh general officers was an army commander, General Emile Laure, and General Bourget, wo was General Weygand's Chief of Staff in 940.

RUGGED COUNTRY

As troops of the Seventh army press deeper into the Austrian alps they ae meeting increasing resistance in rugged country that readily gives itself to defence by ratively few effectives. In the Fern pass tothe south-west of Füssen a good deal of mrtar and bazooka fire is being encountered, bt Americans who crossed the frontier fartheeast are 10 miles north-west of Innsbrück an, more important, only four miles from the mn lateral road that follows the Inn valley.

The 12th Armoured Divion, breaking out from the Würm See, to thesouth of Munich, have advanced 30 miles to te Inn river, which was reached three miles soth of Rosenheim—an operation that has effeively cut the main rail and road communicaons from Bavaria to Innsbrück and on thrugh the Brenner Pass.

French forces in their fe-flung operations have made short work of teir assault on the island of Oléron, where te commander of the German garrison has surendered. In their fluctuating attack in the Mritime Alps they hold a line running northfrom Ventimiglia to a point about 25 mes south-west of Cuneo.

FOOD FOR THE DUTCH

FIRST ROAD CONVOYS ARRIVE

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY, May 2.—Food for the starving Dutch population began to move into German-occupied Holand on schedule to-day in accordance wit the agreement reached with the Germancommanders, by which food will be sent to be Dutch by sea, land, and air.

The first food lorries wer unloaded by the Dutch, who are also handling the distribution inside Holland with vehick supplied by the allies. The food was carrie across no man's land between the Canadian and German lines in several hundred lorries dven by Canadian and British drivers.

It was planned to take 000 tons of food to an unloading depôt before road movement ceased for the day at 3 p.m. More food was also dropped by air to-day.—*Reuter.*

LAVAL ARRESTED AT BARCELONA

ARRIVAL BY AIR

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

MADRID, MAY 2

A six-seater aircraft laded at Barcelona this afternoon bringig Laval and his daughter from the Germa-Swiss frontier. They were met at the airort by the civil governor, Señor Correa, who is said to have acted on telephoned instructions from the Foreign Ministr.

MADRID, May 2.—Lval has been arrested and is being held *incommunicado* in Barcelona. A report tht Marcel Déat, the French Fascist leade, arrived with him is untrue.—*Reuter.*

THE QUEEN AT ALBERT HALL

At the invitation of theQueen, a party of repatriated prisoners ofwar and service men and women on leave hared with her and the Princesses the ryal box at the Albert Hall last night a Dr. Malcolm Sargent's concert in aid of the Sick Children's Hospital and Convalescent Home. Lady Louis Mountbatten was also in the party.

A notice of the concert appears on page 6.

LANDINGS SOUTH OF RANGOON

A special announcemen from S.E.A.C. headquarters yesterday stted:—

Following a landing yestetay (Tuesday) by S.E.A.C. paratroops, our fces landed early this morning from H.M. ships south of Rangoon on both banks f the Rangoon River.

CUT IN U.S. SHIPBUILDING

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Pesident Truman, in a letter to Congress to-ay, asked for a reduction of £1,750,000,00 in contract appropriation and contract uthorization for merchant ship construction.

"The favourable progressof the war," he stated, "indicates that ther is no necessity at present for proceeding wit the construction of the additional tonnage colemplated at the time the current appropriation and contract authorization were provided."—*Reuter.*

OBITUARY

We announce with regret the death of DR. D. RANDALL-MACIVER, D.Sc., F.B.A., archaeologist, anthropologist, and author.

A memoir and *The Times* list of Fallen Officers will be found on page 7.

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V2 genius whose dream came true with moon launch

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

THE American soldiers who accepted the surrender of a young German scientist on May 2, 1945, could have had no inkling that their prisoner would become the key figure behind the United States mission to the moon.

Wernher von Braun, inventor of the V2 rocket that caused such devastation in Britain in 1944, was about to transfer his loyalties from Hitler to the Americans so that he could continue with his obsession to explore the universe.

The man who became a legend in the space business offered himself as a human trophy of war to the Americans because he did not want to hand over his immense knowledge of pioneering rocket engineering technology to the Russians.

Von Braun, who died of cancer in 1977, was 33 and technical director of the liquid fuel rocket and guided missile centre at Peenemünde when German resistance collapsed and victory for the Allies approached.

The brilliant scientist loaded his team into lorries, along with his rocket secrets, and headed for the American lines. On May 2, with his brother Magnus, von Braun surrendered to the 44th Infantry Division of the US Army. He was finally smuggled out of Germany by the Americans as part of a secret mission codenamed Operation Paperclip.

An article in *Nature* magazine earlier this year disclosed that he was a senior SS officer who used to order executions.



Eisenhower: medal ceremony

He and his staff supported the use of concentration camp inmates for working on the V2 production lines. On one occasion, at Nordhausen, it was reported that after completing an inspection of the factory, he declared there had been sabotage. Twelve men were said to have been hanged.

The Americans, like the British and Russians, had been scouring Germany for the rocket scientists as the war came to an end. Under the terms of the Yalta Agreement of 1945, the German region in which some V2 production factories, including Nordhausen, were sited, was to be placed under Russian control. To pre-empt the Russian takeover of such a valuable asset, the Americans set up Operation Paperclip, run by Colonel Holger Toftoy, to seize as much of the German equipment as possible. From Germany it was removed to Antwerp and then by ship to New Orleans.

The US Army occupied Nordhausen on April 10, 1945. The first convoy left on May 22 and the last on May 31, the day before Soviet forces arrived.

Von Braun said of his decision to go over to the Americans: "We knew we had something of tremendous potential at Peenemünde. We had put together something that was far more than a weapon of war. It was the beginning of something that could really carry people to the stars."

British scientists were also eager to talk to him and in August 1945 he was flown to London, where he spent two weeks. He and some other German rocket scientists were billeted at an Army camp near Wimbledon, southwest London, where they were picked up daily and driven by an air force intelligence officer to the Ministry of Supply.

Von Braun said: "I must admit I thought the British might be unfriendly to me. But I found I was wrong the first day I spent at the ministry."

The Russians, too, acquired German specialists and V2 equipment and, like the Americans, began their space research programme by developing work that had been started in Nazi Germany.

In autumn 1945, von Braun and about 120 of his engineers signed contracts for six months of consultancy work with the US Army and set up at Fort Bliss in Texas, where he was project director of guided missile development.

Von Braun became an American citizen. His work led to the construction of the Jupiter, America's first intercontinental ballistic missile and launch vehicle for the first US satellite, Explorer, and finally to the giant rocket Saturn 5, which on July 16, 1969, launched Apollo 11 that landed the first a man on the moon.

Von Braun never had any difficulty in switching loyalties from the Nazi regime to his country's enemy. His sole purpose in life was to develop his rockets to send to the moon and other planets.

He said: "I was solely interested in the exploration of space and the German Army could provide the means. The moral dilemma of a scientist who makes rockets doesn't exist. You might as well say a man who makes airplanes has a dilemma. It is basically a means of transportation but you can stick a bomb in the nose and drop it on someone's head. A rocket isn't any different.

However, he admitted he was fully aware that his V2 rockets would be used against Britain. After the war he said that when the first V2 hit London he remembered thinking: "It's a success but it has landed on the wrong planet."

On January 20, 1959, President Eisenhower, bestowed on von Braun the Distinguished Federal Service Medal.



Above: von Braun and his brother Magnus in 1945
Below: in 1958, the US Army's chief missile scientist



Church services to dances: time to remember

Royal Family leads the celebrations

VE-DAY

THIS is a selection of the thousands of events taking place around the country to commemorate and celebrate the 50th anniversary of victory in Europe.

ANDREW WONG



Showing the flag: a model wearing a "Victory dress" made from a fabric of Union Jacks to mark the Forties fashion show at the Imperial War Museum tomorrow

LONDON

London — May 6-8: Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret open three-day festival in Hyde Park, 11.30am; Waterways Festival, Little Venice, W9, 10 am-6pm.

May 6: Bunbury Victory Cricket Match, featuring celebrities and leading players, Foster's Oval, 1pm; the Queen, Royal Family and Prime Minister host banquet for visiting heads of state, Guildhall, 7.15pm; Royal British Legion choir concert, Hyde Park, 8.40pm.

May 7: the Queen, Royal Family and heads of state at service of celebration of peace, St Paul's Cathedral, 11am (invitation only); Queen hosts lunch at Buckingham Palace for heads of state, 12.45pm; Peace in Europe parade and service, Ealing Common, 1pm; the Queen, Royal Family and heads of state at ceremony in Hyde Park, 3pm; Prince Edward at youth reception, Hyde Park, 4.45pm; Pathé News Gala, National Symphony Orchestra, Royal Albert Hall, 7.30pm.

May 8: Public concert in forecourt of Buckingham Palace. Flypast of Second World War aircraft, 12.30pm; Workers' Playtime concert, Hyde Park, 2pm; 1940s We'll Meet Again show, Queens Theatre, Hornchurch, 7.30pm; Princess of Wales at Red Cross concert, Albert Hall (invitation only); VE Night party, Hyde Park, concert and fireworks, lighting of more than 1,000 beacons, 8.40pm.

May 6-8: Victory in Europe

MIDLANDS AND EAST ANGLIA

gala, Gloucester/ Warwickshire Steam Railway, Toddington, Gloucestershire, 10am-6pm.

Gainsborough Town Festival and VE-Day Celebration, Lincolnshire.

May 7: VE aircraft and vehicle display, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire; VE-Day Parade and Service, Bury St Edmonds, Suffolk; "We'll Meet Again" musical, Theatre Royal, Norwich, 5pm and 8pm; Parade and Drumhead Ceremony, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire; Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund Victory Concert, Symphony Hall, Birmingham.

May 8: VE-Day market, Northampton, opens 10am; Liberation Lunch, wartime menu, music and songs.

Evington House, Leicester, 12pm: "Glory Days", Blists Hill Open Air Museum, Telford, Shropshire; VE Celebrations, Harlow Town Park, Essex; First of four air shows, Imperial War Museum, Duxford, Cambridgeshire.

May 6-8: "Brylcream, Bullets

SOUTH ENGLAND

and Bunting", Portsmouth Historic Ships, Hampshire; VE-Day celebrations, Sandy Balls Estate, New Forest, Hampshire.

May 6: VE-Day celebrations, Larkhill, Wiltshire; VE-Day fete, Bicester, Oxfordshire; Victory in Europe Commemoration, Bicester, Oxfordshire; Cathedral Service and Parade, Chichester, West Sussex; Festival of Family Fun, Madeira Drive, Brighton, West Sussex, including Red Arrows display 3pm and fireworks 9.30pm; VE-Day celebration, Wendover, Buckinghamshire; Royal British Legion Band concert, Brixham, Devon; Glenn Miller (UK) Orchestra, Weymouth Pavilion, Dorset, 7.30pm; VE 50 Celebration Spectacular, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth, Hampshire; Big Band concert, Christchurch, Dorset, 7.30pm.

May 7: parade and service of thanksgiving, Guildhall Square and Cathedral, Portsmouth; Benjamin Britten's *War Requiem*, Mayflower Theatre, Southampton; service and Parade, Sherborne, Dorset; parade and service of commemoration, Bridport, Dorset; parade and open air ecumenical service, Maidstone, Kent; Max Bygraves in concert, Weymouth Pavilion, Dorset;

May 7-8: Memories of VE-Day, Newhaven Fort

NORTH ENGLAND

May 6-8: VE wartime weekend, North Yorkshire Moors Railway, Pickering.

May 6: Band concert, Liverpool Cathedral; VE concert, Blackpool.

May 7: Civic Service, Ripon Cathedral, North Yorkshire; VE-Day Horse Parade, Bradford, West Yorkshire; Drumhead Service, Richmond Town Centre, North Yorkshire; VE Service, Liverpool Cathedral; Firework display, Southport, Merseyside; VE-Day celebration, Chester.

May 8: Historic ships display, Birkenhead, Merseyside; Copmanthorpe Street Fair, York, 12pm; Commemoration service, York Minster, followed by parade through city, 3pm; Bolton Gala, Harrogate.

WALES

May 6-8: Langollen choral festival, Clwyd; Festiniog Railway Steam Gala, Portmadoc, Gwyneth.

May 7: VE-Day parade, Llandudno; Open air gala concert, BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra, Cardiff; VE-Day commemoration concert, Newport, Gwent.

May 8: Service of celebration, Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff, attended by the Prince of Wales; VE-Day concert, Dyffryn Gardens, near Cardiff; VE-Day 50-years-on concert, St David's Hall, Cardiff; Concert and celebrations, Bodelwyddan Castle, Clwyd; VE-Day celebrations, Tredegar House, Gwent.

NORTHERN IRELAND

May 6: Women's British Legion Benevolent Fund Concert, Bangor.

May 8: Wartime Antique Fair, Portrush; Military tattoo, and fireworks, Newtownards; Street market and entertainment, Carrickfergus; Big band concert, Ulster Hall, Belfast.

SCOTLAND

May 6-8 Military display, Ayr; VE-Day celebrations, Greenock.

May 7: Commemoration Service, Glasgow Cathedral, 11am; Commemoration service and march past, Elgin Cathedral, Morayshire, 3pm. Church service and parade, HMS Lindesfarne, Shetland Islands; Sunday in the Park, Stranraer; Church Service and civic reception, St Andrews; RAF Flypast, Lerwick, Inverness and Aberdeen.

May 8: Commemoration Service, St Giles, Cathedral, Edinburgh, attended by the Princess Royal, 11am; Thanksgiving Service, the Old Parish Church, Nairn, 11am. Remembrance Parade, Dingwall, Orkney; VE-Day commemorative concert, Kirriemuir, Tayside; Service at war memorial and march to Loval Scouts monument, Beauly.

On May 13 the biggest VE Day parade outside London will take place in Perth where some 500 massed pipes and drums will lead a march and service in honour of the famous 51st Highland Division, which played a notable part in the war.

***This is only a selection of events taking place during the anniversary year, many of which have already started. Further information may be obtained from the VE/VJ Day Hotline 8991 88 1945, from local tourist boards and from the VE/VJ Day tourist boards office 01703 620555.* The ticket hotline for the Hyde Park concerts is 0181 204 1234.**

Paradoxical role played by the Irish is acknowledged at last

By John Young

ON MAY 2, 1945, Eamon de Valera, the Prime Minister of the Irish Free State, called on the senior German diplomat in Dublin to express his condolences on Hitler's death. It was a singularly insensitive and unnecessary gesture; de Valera may have been determined to emphasise his country's neutrality throughout the war but that war was now effectively over, the enormity of Hitler's crimes had been exposed and it is not hard to imagine the reaction of the 150,000 Irishmen who had fought for Britain.

Last week their actions were formally acknowledged by John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, in the company of Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, and loyalist and republican representatives.

It was a reminder that the history of Ireland between 1939 and 1945 is riddled with paradoxes. The men and women who joined the British forces from both sides of the border — in roughly equal numbers — were volunteers, since the Government had fought shy of introducing conscription in Ulster for fear of provoking the Catholic members of the population.

Consequently, the only country in the Empire that did not ally itself with Britain paradoxically sent more troops voluntarily to war than any other. Whole regiments were composed almost exclusively of Irish troops.

The story of de Valera's refusal to allow British convoy escorts the use of Irish ports in return for an undertaking by Churchill to end partition is well known. What is less well known is that in the summer of 1940 Hitler was preparing for an invasion of Ireland, in which case Irish neutrality, with or without America's guarantee which de Valera requested, would have meant no more than the similar protestations made by Denmark, Belgium and all the other European countries that Hitler annexed in 1939.

The denial of the Irish ports also ignored the fact that the Free State was as dependent on the convoys as was Britain, and that German U-boats neither could nor did take any account of a ship's destination when selecting their targets.

De Valera's hardline anti-British views were far from unanimously shared by his compatriots. The late John Betjeman, who spent part of the war working for the British Embassy in Dublin, found no shortage of admirers of Britain who deplored the presence in the city of Axis diplomats and agents.

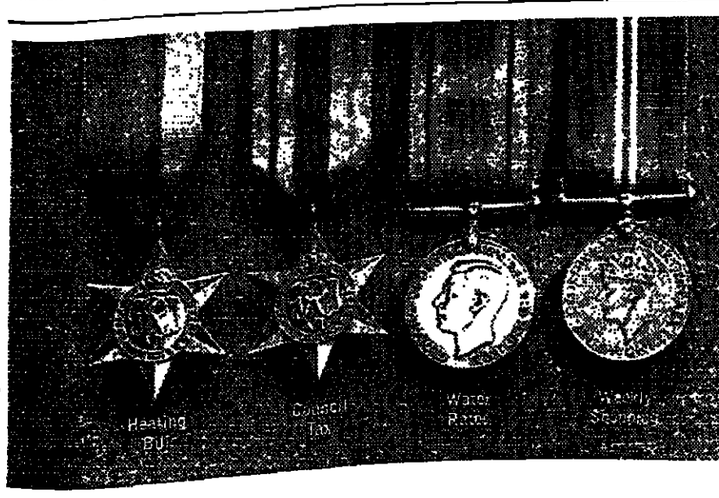
To put things in perspective, however, it should be said that many of the thousands who travelled to Belfast to enlist did so simply because they were unemployed and broke. One such was John Martin, now 70, who, threatened with the sack from his job in a Dublin laundry, joined the Royal Ulster Rifles in 1941.

He took part in the D-Day landings, in the capture of Caen, the battle of Falaise and the advance into Germany. "I was in Bremen when we heard the war was over, so I made an Irish tricolour and ran it up the flagpole. The platoon commander went mad and said take that blooy thing down. I said over my dead body. We Irishmen fought and died as well as the rest of you."

One of the more bizarre features of wartime Ireland was a prisoner-of-war camp at The Curragh, in Co Kildare, a great open heathland which in earlier days had housed the main British garrison. Between 1940 and 1945 Germans and British — mostly shipwrecked sailors and airmen who had been forced to "ditch" — were housed side by side, fed well and given free tickets to the nearby racecourse, home of the Irish Derby. Many of them fraternised and a fair number escaped, an easier task for the British who were more likely to find assistance from sympathetic locals and who had to make their way only some 70 miles to the border.



De Valera: unnecessarily insensitive



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Britain resists US pressure to join trade ban on Iran

BY MICHAEL BINYON AND IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

BRITAIN has come under strong pressure to join the American embargo on trade and investment with Iran, but has refused to do so. Moreover, British industry is ready to pick up the Iranian orders made available by the ban.

British officials said yesterday that since the Edinburgh European Union summit in 1992 Britain and its European Union partners had had a "critical dialogue" with Tehran. This included frank exchanges on Iranian support for terrorism, human rights and the death sentence against Salman Rushdie, the author. There were, however, no plans for a trade embargo.

President Clinton's decision to go ahead with the ban, as punishment for Tehran's sponsorship of terrorism and its decision to buy at least two nuclear reactors from Russia, was reached only after a furious debate within the Administration. The President's next challenge will be to persuade sceptical allies to impose similar sanctions and for Russia to cancel the nuclear deal. Neither prospect appears likely.

Mr Clinton agreed only late on Friday to halt all commerce with Iran and his decision was announced shortly before his speech to the World Jewish Congress on Sunday in New York. His officials were scrambling to explain the implications yesterday.

The Commerce, Energy and Treasury Departments resisted a ban on oil purchases and other trade, arguing that Europe and Japan would continue business as usual and the only losers would be American corporations. Officials at the Pentagon and the National Security Council were concerned that any attempt to increase Iran's isolation would make the militant mullahs even more opposed to Israel and America. Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, and the pro-Israel lobby, pushed for an immediate crackdown. Their sense of urgency was accelerated by domestic politics: Republicans in Congress were threatening a secondary boycott that would bar any foreign company doing business with Iran from trading with American firms.

By acting now, Mr Clinton has set the stage for conflict at his summit with President Yeltsin in Moscow next week.

Iran has shrugged off America's unilateral ban, insisting that the "disgraceful" decision would harm only American firms because other trading partners were eager to take over the contracts. Privately, Iranian officials expressed fears that the American drive to choke their economy could be followed by military action. They said obvious targets would be the nuclear reactors Iran is buying.



Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, during his tourist visit to Petra yesterday. He was met in the ancient city by many other Israeli visitors

Ecstatic Rabin joins tourist throng in Petra

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN PETRA

KING HUSAIN of Jordan defied growing domestic and pan-Arab attacks on his eight-month-old peace with Israel by hosting a unique joint television programme yesterday with Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister. It is due to be screened this week as the highlight of celebrations to mark the forty-seventh anniversary of the founding of Israel.

As the Arab League was preparing to condemn Mr Rabin for planning to seize more than 100 acres of Palestinian land in Jerusalem, he was being cheered by Israeli tourists who are now thronging to the Nabatean ruins in Petra.

Since the peace treaty was signed on October 26, 11 per cent of all tourists visiting Jordan have been Israelis. The country had been barred to them for 46 years during which the two nations were in a state of war.

Fifty journalists from Tel Aviv flown in yesterday came on board the first civilian flight between Israel and Jordan, codenamed IZ-200.

After a two-hour tour of Petra, Mr Rabin flew in an Israeli military helicopter over the rugged route south to the Red Sea port of Aqaba, where he met the King. Pledges to even closer Israel-Jordanian co-operation were filmed by Israel television at the seafront Royal Palace.

The day of mutual Israeli-Jordanian congratulation, criticised by Mr Rabin's political enemies on the Israeli Right as the opening shot in the campaign for next year's general election, was also designed to deliver a crushing response to those who want the treaty to remain no more than a peace of paper.

It came less than a week after the King ordered his security services to ban a large anti-peace conference organised by Islamic opponents in Amman, the capital. The cementing of ties was also a snub to the 80,000 members of 12 Jordanian professional associations, ranging from dentists to engineers, who have prohibited any contact with Israelis.

Ultra-loyal Beduin troops in red chequered keffiyehs and armed with jeep-mounted heavy machineguns, had guarded every corner of the towering stone ruins in Petra as Mr Rabin, 73, and his wife, Leah, strode through territory that has a special significance for Israelis. In the early years of the Jewish state, many Israelis risked death trying to visit the enchanting ancient city.

"It is more than a dream come true," Mrs Rabin said as she walked through a crowd of tourists and journalists which provided a security problem for Israeli and Arab plainclothes men. "It is interesting how quickly things have normalised," she said. "I feel grateful to have lived to this moment, and to have been married to a man who helped to bring it about."

Her casually dressed husband was equally moved. "For me it is the first time in Petra and I don't think words can express the beauty you see," the former Israeli Chief of Staff said.

Jamal Halaby, a Jordanian journalist, noted the courage of King Husain in encouraging the visit at a time when Israel is being criticised for its land policies in Jerusalem and for delays in implementing its peace deal with the Palestinians.

"This visit will not play well with the lower and middle classes in Amman," Mr Halaby said as the Israeli delegation, in a variety of sun hats, gazed up at the archaeological splendours so long denied to them. Hotels sprouting up on the rocky land around Petra bore witness to how tourism is boosting the local economy: one coffee house is already renamed Peace Café.

Mr Halaby said that the discontent of some Jordanians with the peace treaty would increase because of the latest land scandal in annexed east Jerusalem, which has led the Palestine Liberation Organisation to threaten to resume the intifada.

☐ Jerusalem: Sinai Kahat, a member of the central committee of the right-wing Likud Party, met Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, yesterday in the Gaza Strip and called for dialogue and acceptance of Palestinian self-rule.

Police guards caught asleep

Tel Aviv: Border police guards who protect the Tel Aviv home of Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, have been found asleep on duty. The unit is commanded by Meir Tayar, who was security chief at the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron when a Jewish settler killed 29 Muslims in February last year.

Junior guards have complained that Mr Tayar was working them too hard. A spokesman said duty hours had already been changed. Several men under Mr Tayar's command were asleep while on duty on the morning of the Hebron massacre. (AFP)

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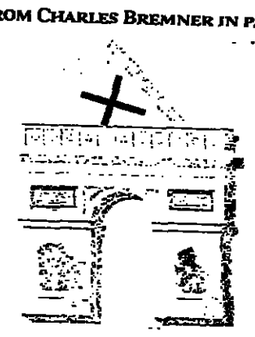
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FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS



FRENCH ELECTION

BASKING in rare limelight, Jean-Marie Le Pen, the champion of the extreme Right, blasted both presidential candidates as traitors and servants of foreign powers in a vitriolic speech yesterday to thousands of followers in central Paris.

As expected, the leader of the National Front, who acquired clout with 15 per cent of the vote in the first round of the French election, used his party's remembrance day rally for Joan of Arc to refuse endorsement for both Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist, and Lionel Jospin, the Socialist.

The choice was a "detestable one" between "two left-wing candidates of the foreign party", he boomed from a stage on the Place de l'Opéra to a crowd of about 10,000 that seethed with tricolors and the fleur-de-lys of royal France. M Chirac in particular, had "betrayed his people, his nation and his faith" by approving the "the ignoble Maastricht Treaty" and the "vile" Gatt world trade accord.

Because the National Front's 4.6 million voters will help to sway a close election next Sunday, M Le Pen seized the moment for a noisy show of force by a movement whose xenophobic creed has kept it beyond the media pale despite regularly winning more than 10 per cent of national votes for the past decade. He also exploited a campaign lull as the candidates prepared for today's television debate and France took a May Day rest.

A whiff of the 1930s hung over the battalions of men, women and children as they marched, banners flying, up the Avenue de l'Opéra. The parade was headed by Joan of Arc, played by an actress on horseback, accompanied by ten mounted knights, symbolising France's struggle to rid itself of foreigners.

Cheers went up when M Le Pen, the most magnetic of France's political orators, compared Joan's war against the English to the struggle against the "corrupt and decadent politicians" who were opening the doors to immigrants and "capitulating to the financial powers of the United States, Germany and Japan". He compared Joan to Jesus Christ and cited her reply when asked by the church court if she liked the English. Cheering erupted when he quoted her: "J'aime les anglais — chez eux."

The British are now only a small part of the target of the Front's wrath, which is directed at Arab and African immigrants and at union with France's European neighbours. References to them brought jeers, as did M Le Pen's attacks on Jewish politicians and campaigners.

The crowd broke into an angry chant of "France for the French" when protesters unfurled giant banners from the Grand Hôtel and the roof of the Opéra proclaiming: "No to racism. No to the fascism of the FN."

The mass of voters who voted for M Le Pen are expected to split their allegiance between M Chirac and M Jospin or to abstain on Sunday. M Le Pen, who is looking ahead to municipal elections next month, said he will take a personal decision after the debate, but he made clear that his old hatred for M Chirac burns strong. He devoted almost half his hour-long speech to venomous attacks on the conservative Gaullist, invoking the Bible and France's national heroes to damn the Gaullist chief. It would have escaped few that his line on the candidate's representing *"le parti de l'étranger"* was first used by M Chirac himself in an attack on President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing in 1978.

M Chirac and M Jospin are busy appealing to Le Pen voters as straying lambs who voted for him out of despair over unemployment and France's social crisis. "I am convinced that many among National Front voters reject with all their strength a third Socialist presidency," M Chirac said at the weekend. Jack Lang, a senior Socialist and former Culture Minister, said yesterday that the only proper home for the "protest vote" was with M Jospin. However, FN activists at yesterday's rally were in no mood yesterday to apologise for what the mainstream views as a sinister political force with roots that go back to the wartime collaboration and the quasi-Fascist groups of the 1930s. "Le Pen is our only hope of salvation," said one well dressed middle-aged woman marching with the contingent from Le Mans.



Le Pen campaigners take to the streets of Paris during the National Front's annual May Day rally yesterday

Hutu bodies discovered in village

Kigali: The bodies of four more murdered Hutus have been found dumped in latrines in the southern Rwandan village of Huye, where 14 others were stoned and beaten to death at the weekend, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees reported yesterday. May Day demonstrators marched on the agency's offices, as well as some foreign embassies, to denounce the UN. *(Reuter)*

Street battles

Berlin: About 2,000 leftwingers fought May Day street battles with police in Berlin. A police spokesman said 72 officers were injured and 36 people were arrested. *(Reuter)*

Name changed

Bombay: India's financial capital, Bombay, officially adopted its native name, Mumbai, but federal offices and some newspapers refuse to use the new name. *(AFP)*

Assault row

Wellington: New Zealand has complained to Indonesia about Joop Ave, its Tourism Minister, who is alleged to have sexually assaulted an Auckland waiter. *(AP)*

Blow to men

Saint-Claude: A Belgian woman tobacconist won this French town's pipe-smoking contest, keeping her briar alight for 2hr 10min and annoying male rivals. *(AFP)*

Sri Lanka bombers hit rebels in Jaffna

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS
SOUTH ASIA CORRESPONDENT

SRI LANKAN Air Force bombers attacked rebel positions in the northern Jaffna peninsula yesterday and the Government, fearing terrorist attacks, cancelled its traditional May Day parade in Colombo, the capital. After a 100-day ceasefire and intensive but fruitless peace negotiations, the 12-year war is back in full spate.

A nationwide alert has been ordered by security forces, about 100 of whom died in surface-to-missile attacks on two air force planes on Friday and Saturday. It is the first time the Tamil Tigers, who are fighting for a separate homeland, have used missiles.

The use of helicopters and transport planes will now have to be restricted, disrupting the resupply of troops in combat zones. The two planes were downed near Palaly airbase in Jaffna, a beleaguered fortress that the Tigers are determined to overrun. The rebels recently attacked navy boats in Trincomalee.

☐ **Delhi:** President Bandaranaike Kumaratunga of Sri Lanka has accused Vellupillai Prabhakaran, the Tamil rebel leader, of having ordered the killing of the former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. *(AP)*

Peking battle for power provokes second 'suicide'

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

THE May Day holiday brought no joy yesterday for China's Communist Party with the leadership power struggle bringing a suicide and another arrest.

The latest suicide, after that on April 4 of Wang Baosen, Peking's Deputy Mayor — who might, in fact, have been murdered — is that of Liu Zhengwei, a retired central committee member. His wife was executed in January for embezzlement and fraud.

Liu, who leapt from a window in Peking, appears to have killed himself a few weeks ago at about the time that Wei Jianxing, the new Peking party secretary, was giving a speech on corruption in Guizhou province, in southwestern China.

Guizhou, one of China's poorest areas, was where Liu's wife had been a member of an international trust and investment corporation. Liu had been party boss of Guizhou before his transfer to the party's work committee in Peking. The investigation of his wife began just after his transfer.

The political upheaval is a sign that the era that will follow the death of Deng Xiaoping, the paramount leaer, will not be one of political relaxation. Newspapers in the capital are calling for everybody to "uphold resolutely the authority of the party central committee, safeguard the implementation of its decrees, and obey and serve the whole party and Government. This is a call to accept government and party discipline."

The absence of factual information and the chorus of demands for obedience are signs of traditional party purges. The targeting of the Peking hierarchy by men who are mostly Shanghai-based is also familiar.

The second shock in Peking yesterday was the confirmation of the arrest of Chen Xitong, the capital's deposed Communist Party boss. His detention had been reported ten days ago and he has been absent from his job as president of Peking's luxurious New Century Hotel.

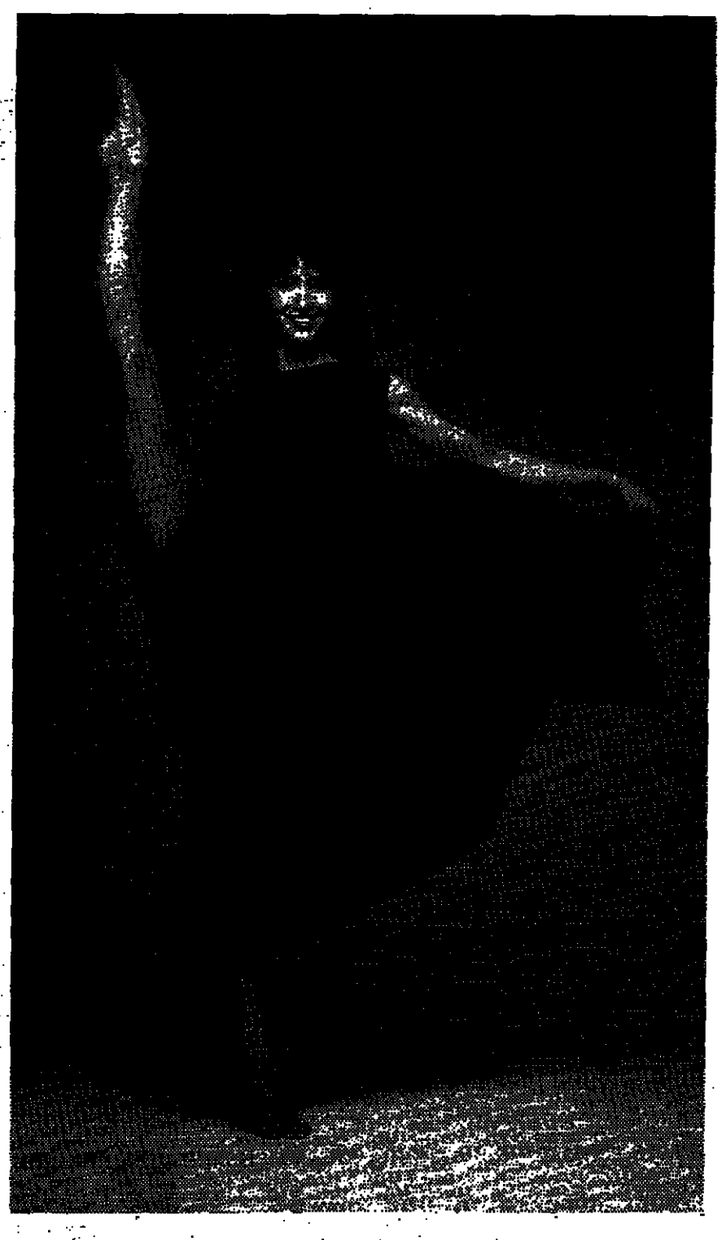
Young Chen is the second "Red Prince", the son of a high official, to be arrested recently on corruption charges. In February, Zhou Beifang, a tycoon with interests in Hong Kong, was arrested for embezzlement in Peking, a day before the resignation of his father, Zhou Guanwu, as head of the capital's Shougang steelworks and an old comrade of Mr Deng.

Sylvie Guillem has a way of dancing around tradition.

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That is why she constantly strives to push her performances beyond technique pure and simple. "After that, you work on something else: how to express things. I want people to remember me as a dancer who tells a story with her body." In pursuit of this aim, Mlle. Guillem frequently finds herself in conflict with the traditions and rules of classical ballet.



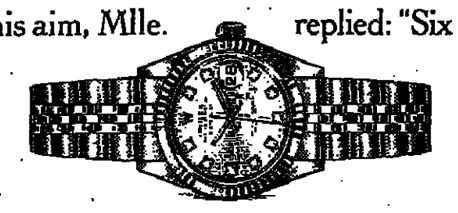
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Meteor wakes Perth with an early call

FROM REUTER IN PERTH

A METEOR roared over the Western Australian city of Perth yesterday, shaking buildings and jolting people awake as it crashed through the sound barrier in the early hours only 12 miles overhead, police and astronomers said.

Thousands of people were awoken as the meteor, estimated to have been the size of a basketball, hurtled towards Earth at about 186 miles a second, Peter Birch, the official Perth astronomer, said.

The meteor was seen to split into four pieces and probably disintegrated before it hit the ground, he said.

People east and south of the city of more than 1 million people reported seeing a bright blue light and hearing an explosion over the city, police said. "It was at a height of around 12 miles, which is a hair's breadth in astronomical terms," said Mr Birch, of the Perth Observatory.

The meteor created chaos at police switchboards as hundreds of people called in. Mr Birch described the sonic boom as like a jumbo jet landing on his roof.

"It rocked the windows and actually turned on my security lights," he said.

Russian opposition parties join in mass May Day displays of discontent

Communist protesters urge removal of Yeltsin

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

TENS of thousands of communist hardliners staged May Day demonstrations across Russia yesterday calling for President Yeltsin's downfall and vowing to return to power four years after they were ousted.

In rallies from the Pacific coast through to Siberia and on to Moscow and St Petersburg, the communists set out to prove that they are still a potent force in Russian politics and are well-prepared to fight parliamentary elections due to be held in December.

"The people are waking up from perestroika and are now not requesting, but demanding, resignations from the Russian President and his clique," said Aleksandr Reznicheko, a communist official attending a rally of more than 10,000 in the Pacific port city of Vladivostok.

In Moscow, where up to 30,000 flag-waving communists marched past the capital's newly opened luxury shops, car showrooms and restaurants, a similar message was heard. "We want jobs, not unemployment benefits," read one banner in the crowd. Another said: "The Government is bankrupt — get out."

While many in the crowd were drawn from the ranks of disgruntled pensioners, elderly war veterans and nostalgic Stalinists, there were also many young faces among the marchers, who cheered enthusiastically when the Kremlin leadership was attacked.

"We will win the next elections, if Yeltsin has the guts to hold them," said Anton Vasilenchenko, a young first secretary from a provincial town east of Moscow.

His claim may prove to be more than simple bravado. Last year, former communists were elected back into power across Eastern Europe after disillusioned voters turned to their former masters because of economic hardships and social upheavals. In Russia, although the party lost its stranglehold over the country four years ago, it has an efficient nationwide network of activists, maintains strong links with the trade union movement, and is well placed to cash in on Russia's protest vote.

Gennadi Zyuganov, the leader of the Russian Communist Party, told supporters yesterday that he was working to establish alliances with other opposition groups to win a majority in parliament and oust the forces of the Centre loyal to Mr Yeltsin.

"The communists are prepared to create a bloc of patriotic forces who would express the people's will and ensure victory at the elections," said Mr Zyuganov, who has emerged as a skilful politician and potential candidate for next year's presidential race.

Nikolai Kharitonov, the leader of the Agrarian Party, told the crowd that an alliance of his party with the communists, supported by the trade unions, would easily defeat Mr Yeltsin's proposals for two government-backed blocs to fight the election.

Last month, the Government announced that it planned to create left-of-centre and right-of-centre parties in the Duma, the lower house of parliament. The parties are to be headed by Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minsiter, and Ivan Rybkin, the Speaker of the Duma, both of whom are Yeltsin loyalists. It seems doubtful, however, if any political parties allied to Mr Yeltsin can hope to overcome the growing dissatisfaction with his rule. Polls suggest that as a result of the bloody war in Chechenia, the persistent economic problems faced by many Russians, and the inability of the authorities to tackle rampant crime and corruption, President Yeltsin is now virtually unelectable.

Although the May Day parades were a shadow of the heavily orchestrated Soviet marches, they proved the communists are capable of drawing thousands of supporters on to the streets. In a country where political apathy is rampant, no other party could muster anywhere near the same number of supporters.

☐ **Chechen curfew:** Russian forces yesterday introduced a dusk-to-dawn curfew in Grozny, the Chechen capital, Tass reported, after what a Russian general said was a fierce overnight battle with rebels in the city. *(Reuter)*



Russian communists carry banners and portraits of Lenin and Stalin yesterday during the International Workers' Day parade in Moscow

Kremlin's Tajikistan force faces long stay

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN PYANJ, TAJIKISTAN

A LIEUTENANT of the Russian border guard, 1,800 miles from Moscow, and 1,000 from the nearest frontier of his homeland, stared out from his little white-walled fort across the Oxus River towards the mountains of Afghanistan. "In protecting the Tajik frontier, we are protecting Russia," he said.

Although Russia's line is that, in time, the defence of Tajikistan's frontier with Afghanistan will be handed over to the Tajik Government, most Russian and Tajik officials admit this day will not come soon. "If the Russians weren't here, we couldn't control the situation," said Nasrullah Karmyshev, chief administrator of the border district of Pyanj, south of Dushanbe, the capital. "Rebels and arms would pour across, and we would be driven out."

The "rebels" are the Tajik opposition, a mixture of Islamic, tribal and democratic forces. They were defeated by the former Communists in a bloody civil war in 1992-93, and driven over the border into Afghanistan. Peace talks are due to resume this month, but little progress is expected.

Russian officers justify their presence in terms of preventing "a wave of arms and drugs" from sweeping up to the borders of Russia itself. In recent weeks, however, renewed fighting and numerous casualties have led many Russians to question whether their involvement is worth it.

But of more than 40 Russian border guards killed in Tajikistan last month, fewer than ten were Russians. Most are Tajik conscripts, many only 14 or 15 years old.

The anxieties of the Russian officers are increased because in Pyanj they have at their backs a local population which fought for the opposition in the civil war. Although cowed by savage repression, the people are seething with discontent.

In their spare time, officers and their wives raise ducks and chickens, and even build sheds for cows. They are not reckoning on leaving in a hurry.

Hurd calls for early talks on EU expansion

BY MICHAEL DYNES

TALKS to admit former communist countries into the European Union should begin six months after the 1996 Inter-Governmental Conference, Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, said yesterday.

European Commission officials will submit a white paper outlining the requirements for membership to the Cannes summit meeting of the EU in June, which will provide a "route map" for admission, Mr Hurd told the annual Future of Europe Trust conference in London.

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Croatian troops launch attack on Serb guerrillas

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND MICHAEL EVANS

SEVERAL thousand Croatian troops, backed by more than a dozen tanks and co-ordinated artillery support, attacked Serb separatists in the central region of the country at dawn yesterday.

This was the fiercest combat in Croatia since a ceasefire in January 1992 ended six months of warfare. That fighting, between fledgeling government units and Yugoslav army-led Serb forces, was sparked off by Croatia's declaration of independence.

The new fighting was one of the most vivid signs yesterday that the region could be facing fiercer and more widespread battles than it has seen at any time in the past four years of conflict.

Worries about an imminent worsening of the fighting throughout the former Yugoslavia also grew yesterday after the United Nations failed to obtain and extension of the four-month ceasefire in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Efforts by Yasushi Akashi, the senior UN envoy in the region, to stave off a spring and summer of heavy fighting ended in frustration in Sarajevo. The ceasefire ended at midday yesterday.

With one exception, Bosnia's front lines have remained largely quiet during the past few days, but UN military officers described the relative calm as "pregnant". Optimistic peacekeepers believe that it may take months, rather than days, for broad offensives to begin.

After another round of fruitless meetings with the Bosnian Government and rebel Serbs, Mr Akashi flew to Zagreb. Two Croatian MiG planes bombed a Serb-held bridge in the south of the country yesterday evening, the UN said, but talks between the two sides continued in Zagreb late yesterday.

Croatia has spent the past three years building up its army and procuring arms. The Serbs in the country have lost the overt, widespread support of the large former Yugoslav army, but evidence suggests that Belgrade would intercede if the rebels were truly threatened.

The Croatian Serbs, who hold 27 per cent of the country, recently signed a military co-operation pact with their Bosnian brethren. Large-scale fighting in Croatia would be likely to draw the Bosnian Serbs into the fray. That, in turn, would encourage the Sarajevo Government to attack rebel-held areas of Bosnia.

Yesterday's events bode ill for the nearly 50,000 peacekeeping troops in the former Yugoslavia. Officials from France and other nations contributing soldiers to the mission have threatened recently to bring their soldiers home if there were no hint of progress towards an imminent peace. Recent weeks have brought only disappointing news.

The warring factions are better prepared and better armed for a renewed conflict. However, the present balance of forces in terms of firepower remain firmly in favour of the Bosnian Serbs. That is unlikely to change unless the arms embargo is lifted and the mainly Muslim forces receive a big supply of heavy guns.

Much has been reported of the Muslim forces rearming and reorganising in the four-month ceasefire period, but they still suffer a fundamental weakness because of their lack of tanks and heavy artillery. The Muslim-Croat federation, however, has helped to create a more formidable army that is now in a better position than before to mount selective attacks on the Serbs.

There are four ammunition factories working in central Bosnia, supplying the front lines and stocks of weapons have been smuggled from sympathetic Islamic countries. There is also no shortage of fuel, which is coming into Bosnia across the border from Croatia.

The mainly Muslim Bosnian army, backed by HVO Croat forces, has one tactical advantage over the Serbs. The bulk of its forces are concentrated in the centre of Bosnia. They operate within "interior lines", as Western military tacticians put it.

The Serbs, on the other hand, are stretched across a very wide area and operating from exterior lines, posing a considerable logistical challenge. In the past year or so, the Bosnian army has also learnt to fight more tactically, mainly using special forces brigades.

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BALANCE OF FORCES IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

	Troops	Tanks	Artillery	Combat aircraft
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA				
Muslims:	210,000	90	20	0
Croats:	50,000	75	280	0
Serbs:	80,000	330	830	40
CROATIAN GOVERNMENT	88,600	173	960	40
KRAJINA SERBS	50,000	240	500	12
SERBIA	90,600	539	1,499	284

Source: International Institute for Strategic Studies

Oklahoma gives up rescue operation

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

HOPES of finding survivors in Oklahoma City's federal building evaporated yesterday as heavy machinery was brought in to search the rubble for possible clues to the bombers.

The decision, the clearest signal that all hope had been abandoned, was announced by Frank Keating, the Governor of Oklahoma. He said the final stages of the digging process, through the bottom floors of the Alfred Murrah Building, could endanger rescuers. "You reach the point where you don't jeopardise human beings in order to extract the dead," he said, adding that up to 20 bodies might never be recovered from the debris. The death toll had reached 135 yesterday, with 61 people missing.

The FBI has released the third drawing of suspect John Doe 2, showing the profile of a young man in a baseball cap. He is now thought to be a weightlifter. The FBI also said a receipt for one tonne of ammonium nitrate fertiliser — the substance used to create the 4,800lb bomb — had been found bearing the fingerprints of Timothy McVeigh, the only man charged.

The focus of the investigation appears to have switched to Kingman, Arizona: the harsh landscape has become a haven for militant anti-federalists and was the last known address of Mr McVeigh. Officers believe he may have met John Doe 2 last year when he lived at a mobile trailer park near Kingman. The FBI has been questioning people in the area to establish any link to the swarthy, tattooed man still being sought.

Ernest Just, a member of the Arizona Patriots, one of the more radical militia groups in the United States, yesterday offered the view now gaining credence among other militiamen: "It's too bad innocent lives were lost, but the Government had it coming," he said. "At least the bombers went out and tried to do something ... they'll probably get hung, but at least they did something."



Baby Richard is kissed goodbye by his adoptive mother before being handed to his biological parents. He had known only one home since he was four days old

Sobbing boy forced to return to the parents he never knew

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

A SOBBING four-year-old boy has been taken from his adoptive parents and handed over to a mother and a father he did not know after yet another brutal custody battle in America ended in victory for the biological parents.

The child, identified only as Baby Richard, was collected by his parents, Otakar and Daniela Kirchner, from the suburban Chicago house where he has lived since he was four days old.

When handed to Mr Kirchner on Sunday, he burst into tears and tried to cling to his adoptive mother, identified only as Jane Doe. About 200 angry neighbours jeered and shouted "Monster" as the Kirchners arrived, and hung blue ribbons around the house. Others wore T-shirts bearing the emblem of a broken heart.

A newspaper reporter accompanying Richard's biological family said that the child became happier after a visit to McDonald's, but by the evening he was sitting on his bed at his new home, also in suburban Chicago, and asking to "go home".

Mrs Kirchner tried to comfort the boy by promising that he could telephone his adoptive family. "We are your parents, and we love you," she told him.

In January, the state Supreme Court granted Mr Kirchner custody of the child, ruling that the adoption was invalid because the baby's mother had told him the boy was born dead. Mr Kirchner and the mother have since married.

Mr Kirchner was abroad when Richard was born. Believing, incorrectly, that she had been abandoned and Mr Kirchner had married someone else, the baby's mother told him the child had died, and put the youngster up for adoption.

SUMMARY

Shots fired after tirade by Mandela

Umlazi: President Mandela of South Africa left a May Day rally in an armoured police vehicle here as rival Zulu groups exchanged automatic gunfire and set houses ablaze after he launched a tirade against Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Zulu leader. Police said three people were wounded by gunfire in the King Zwelithini stadium, in this township near Durban, and three others outside.

In his speech, Mr Mandela lambasted the chief for calling on his supporters to "rise and resist" central government after it had rejected the Inkatha leader's demand for international mediation on the constitution.

Without mentioning Chief Buthelezi by name, the President said that "a certain leader" in KwaZulu/Natal was organising people to revolt against the Government and gave a warning that he was preparing to take action in response. *(AFP)*

WHO laments health cuts

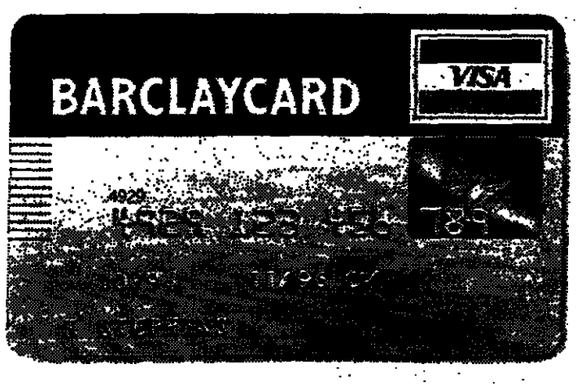
The re-emergence of old diseases is threatening millions of people as Governments cut funds for public health, the World Health Organisation said in a report today (Jeremy Laurance writes). The health gap between rich and poor nations is widening, and declining health is damaging economic prospects and increasing risks of social unrest.

Malcolm X's daughter free

Minneapolis: Federal charges against Qubilah Bahiyah Shabazz, 34, a daughter of Malcolm X, of trying to hire someone to kill Louis Farrakhan, the Nation of Islam leader, were dropped after she agreed to two years' probation and counselling. *(Reuter)*

Internet plea

Springfield, Illinois: Lawyers for Girvies Davis, 37, who is due to be executed on May 17 for the murder of Charles Biebel in 1978, have broadcast details of his case on the Internet, with an appeal for clemency. *(AP)*



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The social blight which is the Internet

It is not what is said *on* the Net which is boring so much as what is endlessly said about it



NIGELLA LAWSON

What I know about the Internet could be written in longhand on one side of the most microscopic microchip, but I did rather think that the whole deal about it was that what was uttered on the Net could not be reproduced outside of its notional confines.

The principle should have been something between "In space no-one can hear you scream" and "Honour among dweebs". But it now appears that this voluntary self-regulation is as virtual as the writing on the screen: Stephen Fry has been grassed on by a pair of brothers in South Glamorgan, and his secret cyberchat publicised.

Leaving aside the ethical matter raised here, there is another, wider-reaching problem: the tedium factor. It's not what is said *on* the Internet that bores me, but what is said about it. I can't think of a time I've been out in the past year or so without some large part of the conversation being given over to the Internet, miracles of, multiple uses for, vital urgency of. It has become more than a bore, it has become a social blight.

I realise I suffer more than most. Linked by something greater than a computer cable to the writer of this paper's *Enter Password* column, I am fated to hear incessant breathless itemisations of the wonders of the Net. We cannot go out without people seizing the opportunity to get the low-down on the high-tech. And I'm afraid eminence is no safeguard: the most distinguished writers in the land have lists of questions they wish him to answer. The most fascinating people are turned into trainspotters. I say people, but I mean men: women lack the passion for forming relationships that are based on no personal input whatsoever.

It wouldn't matter so much if it were at least possible to have a conversation about the Internet. There is a form of catechistic question and answer which pretends to pass for lively chat, but isn't. Just as jokes are a poor substitute for wit, so juggling with numbers, reeling off facts and throwing up Strange but True information is scarcely intelligent talk.

Just to stifle further revelations, I might be prepared to concede that it is absolutely mindblowingly great that on the Internet I can find out what some Canadian microbiologist had for breakfast this morning in Winnipeg. But what usefully can be added after such intelligence has been offered? OK, so the possibilities for research are enormous. Terrific that I can look into any database of any library in any university in the world.

But you would think it pretty strange if I sat down next to you at dinner, having just got back from a trip around the world, and gave you the geographic details of my fact-gathering itinerary from Bombay University to the reference library in Harvard Business School, taking in chats along the way in the senior common room of Oriel College, Oxford, and with a professor at the Sorbonne.

Now, if I were telling you about my research itself you might be more interested. You might get the point of the conversation. Just telling you my route would appear eccentric. But that is what Internet-lyricists do. They regale you with the fact that they've been surfing across continents, waving to ear, nose and throat specialists here, to Latin scholars there, to Whitehouse officials and to Bosnian war correspondents — and *all without taking a step out of their own sitting room.*

The way most people go on about the Internet is about as much to the point as hearing a television critic give a short history of the cathode-ray tube. But because everyone's so frightened of not being at one with the age of information technology, there is little dissent.

Computerspeak is deemed the language of the young and hip, so no wonder the middle-aged are lining up to learn how to get their tongues round it. To show ignorance is to show age. So broach the subject of the Internet and a whole dinner table is turned instantly into an embarrassment of teacher's pets, all frenziedly putting their hands up and clamouring to ask a praiseworthily intelligent question.

If the most anyone can tell me about doing something is the astonishing fact that it could be done, then I am just not interested. More: it defines the very fact that it is not itself of interest.

A breed of career-minded Conservative wife has evolved, **Alice Thomson** says





Left, Peter Lilley and his wife, Gail. Mrs Lilley is a painter. Right, Michael Portillo and his wife, Carolyn, a businesswoman earning five times more than him

The wives every rising Tory needs

In the 19th-century days of Trollope's *Phineas Finn*, a young man of little means intent on becoming a successful Tory MP would have been advised to find himself a rich wife who could support him while he worked the fashionable drawing rooms on his way to the dispatch box. A title was useful for respectability, and a father who could hand over a rotten borough was even better.

Disraeli did it, as did Sir Winston Churchill's father, Randolph. Even at the turn of the century, MPs often relied on their wife's dowry to see them off the backbenches.

However, in 1911 MPs were given salaries, tenants refused to vote as their landlords expected, and the role of the politician's wife began to change. Now a Tory wife is no longer expected to be a financial and social rock, but a woman who can charm the local constituency with her jam-making skills, drive a large Volvo, preferably crammed with children so he can emphasise his family credentials, canvass parents at pony clubs, and whisk up a soufflé for the Rotary supper.

Instead of lolling around in tiaras, MPs' wives were expected to traipse the streets stuffing letters through doors, ferry old ladies to the counts, help out at Girl Guides and open the letters. *He* liked to say they worked as a team, but *she* often looked exhausted — the punchbag for the constituency, the children and the London secretary.

She lived in their house in the sticks, bringing up the children single-handed, going to bed with the dog and a cheese sandwich, seeing her husband only on *Newsnight* or, worse, splashed across the tabloids. When she was with him she had to share him with official papers, with a few first nights at the opera as compensation.

Aspiring Tory candidates have been finding it harder and harder to find someone to walk down the aisle, let alone get a seat. A new three-part drama next week called *The Politician's Wife* on Channel Four will paint an even bleaker picture of a self-effacing Tory minister's wife being forced to stand by her philandering husband.

But in these darkest days of Tory wifedom a new breed has slowly evolved, who might actually save the species. The perfect political wife now has a career, not working for hubby in the Commons but something which often means that she earns more than her husband's basic salary of £39,000. She wouldn't know how to make chicken curry for local functions and wouldn't be seen dead in washing-up gloves after the local fête.

But with her substantial salary, in true Trollope style, she is able to support her husband financially as he works his way up the greasy pole. With MPs being forced to register their every coffee and ginger biscuit and all those problems at Lloyd's, more and more Tories are struggling. Many are now career politicians with nothing to fall back on. They may say they want their wife at home but many are beginning to think that buying her a briefcase might be more sensible.



Stephen Dorrell's wife Penelope has a clothing business

The new wife suits the ambitious MP perfectly. She feels less guilty about hiring cleaners, gardeners or interior designers. She can take her husband on business trips without having to declare it, he can swill champagne without worrying and she goes down brilliantly at parties.

They can afford a house in London so she can keep an eye on him every night if she is not busy. She has no qualms about regularly replenishing her wardrobe because she needs it for her job, and is only likely to wear a twinset because Gucci does them in such exotic colours.

When he lectures her on politics she can tell him he is speaking rubbish and she should know because she has just been briefed by a senior official at the Bundesbank. In turn she can get all the benefits of being married to a minister, good contacts and her husband's diary secretary to organise their social life.

Lady Archer, as a Cambridge don, was an early example of the independent wife. Half the members of the Cabinet have quietly got new women. Michael Portillo has married Carolyn, a senior director at Spencer Stuart, one of the world's top five recruitment agencies, who earns more than £250,000 a year. Peter Lilley's wife Gail had a career in the fashion industry before becoming a full-time painter.

Penelope Dorrell, wife of the National Heritage Secretary, sells children's clothes from their house in Worcester and is a partner in Faithful, a small, successful producer of protective clothing. William Waldegrave's wife, Caroline, co-owns Leith's School of Food and Wine.

With the departure last year of John Patten as Education Secretary, the Cabinet wives lost one of their highest earners in Louise, who earns a six-figure salary as a headhunter.

They understand that those daunting constituency ladies are quite capable of looking after their husbands, make much better chutney and like having a single man around occasionally to fuss over. The children usually benefit, although they probably know the nanny better.

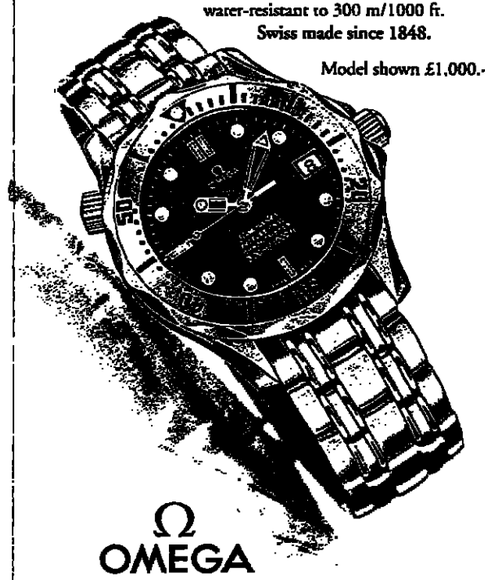
Number Ten would be the perfect place from which to commute to work. But the career wife is unlikely to be devastated if her husband is demoted for allegedly swinging a pickaxe or having a love-child, or finds himself in Opposition without a penny.

Lady Neubert, wife of Sir Michael, the Tory MP for Romford since 1974, is a traditional Tory wife and runs Conservative Wives, which has 230 members. She welcomes the change. "There used to be a mass of young women wanting to marry MPs. But nowadays young wives are going to start griping if they are expected to devote their lives to their husbands. Older MPs may frown upon the new-style wife but she could be our only chance."

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Time, gentlemen, please, for new drink laws

Peter Millar argues for later pub hours as MPs consider the idea

IT WAS gone 10.15 on a Sunday night down my Oxfordshire local when the folk band began playing encores. The locals looked beseechingly at the landlord and apprehensively at the time bell.

On this rare occasion, mine host did the decent thing: he broke the law. The curtains were pulled, the "open" sign taken in from the village green, the doors closed, but the time bell stayed silent.

When, by mutual consent, the musicians packed in and the locals headed happily home to bed, the annoyance was that we felt obliged to sneak into the night. Drinking alcohol in a pub "after hours" is still an offence, as is serving it; the landlord could have lost his licence.

The news that Michael Forsyth at the Home Office is taking soundings about ending the 11pm weekday curfew — which in the eyes of visitors is as infamous a part of our island tradition as fog and grey meat — is good cheer indeed. England and Wales are almost alone in the European Union in deliberately stifling the small pleasures of their citizens.

The Scots have seen the folly of turning out all the drunks in Glasgow into Sauchiehall Street simultaneously; even the Swedes and Finns have less draconian opening hours than we do. In Northern Ireland, which shares English laws but not English attitudes, landlords have long been free to apply for late-night licences most nights of the week. Most do, and rarely are they refused. It is a truism routinely, perversely turned on its head, that what pubs do is keep people off the streets.

There is no more depressing sight, for anyone with consideration for other people's enjoyment and an awareness of the importance of tourism to our invisible earnings, than groups of Americans or Germans turfed out onto the street at 11pm on a summer's evening. The tourist board sells them the pub as a unique English institution, but by the time they have had dinner and worked up a thirst, all that remains is a choice between a garish, over-charging nightclub or an early night.



Before the First World War licensing laws were less rigid

In most provincial German cities, the big beerhalls in the city centre will usually close at midnight, but there is always a welcoming corner bar closer to home open to 1am or later.

Nigel Evans, Conservative MP for Ribble Valley and a member of the standing committee which examined deregulation of Sunday afternoon drinking, would like to see licensing hours extended to midnight by this summer: "A lot of these regulations were introduced at the time of the First World War to protect working in the munitions industries. Now we're celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War and they're still in force.

"If you don't have a closing time, it would lose its mystique. The police would welcome it," says Mr Evans. That has been the Scottish experience, with incidences of alcohol-related crime falling since opening hours north of the border were made flexible.

Michael Fabricant, Conservative MP for Mid Staffordshire, draws on experience from his own constituency: "Lichfield, like many places, is plagued by hordes of young people pouring out onto the streets all at once, often with beer bottles in their pockets. At worst two groups of lads from different pubs will start a fight; at best, older people feel intimidated. Police I've spoken to believe things would be helped by the sort of staggered licensing hours which would evolve naturally."

But even with the best will in the world, which John Major's general enthusiasm for deregulation suggests he might well have, the chances of an extra hour's drinking time this summer are slight.

ACCORDING to Home Office sources, any alteration would probably require legislation on the floor of the House of Commons: "It has been the precedent that any change in licensing hours has to be submitted to the House for scrutiny. That was the case of the 1988 Act [which allowed weekday afternoon opening] and is the case with the current Sunday opening Bill."

Nonetheless, the fact that the Sunday legislation whizzed through the Commons in a matter of weeks and is now expected to pass the Lords before summer is an optimistic sign. With a bit of luck and a dollop of common sense, curfew could be over by Christmas. It really is time, gentlemen, please.

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When a Burma veteran's surgery was cancelled he fought on bravely with fatal consequence, **Dr Thomas Stuttaford** says

Swollen artery that beat a soldier

OLD soldier Stanley Nurse will not be celebrating VE day next week. He died after being sent home from King's Lynn Hospital when a lifesaving operation was cancelled because his bed was needed for somebody else. Mr Nurse, who was 73, had had to wait for his operation for ten months although his surgeon had warned his wife that he might die at any minute from a rupture of an aneurysm of the aorta, a weakened swollen patch in the wall of the main artery leading from the heart.

Fighting in the Malaysian jungle as a Bren gunner seems an unlikely role for a rural painter and decorator, but Mr Nurse became a Territorial in the Royal Norfolk Regiment and served in the retreat from Malaysia before being captured after the battle in the cemetery at Singapore. As a prisoner of war he worked on the notorious Burma railway before returning to England with recurrent malaria, beri-beri and hookworm.

A year or two ago Mr Nurse noticed that the backache which he had had for years changed in character and became worse; he also had a fullness in his abdomen, but unlike many patients with an aneurysm of the abdominal aorta didn't describe it as pain, but merely said that it was difficult for him to eat very much at any one time. He also noticed that his feet were often so cold that they felt dead. On examination doctors discovered that he had an aneurysm which was described by his surgeon to Mrs Nurse as being the size of an orange, more exactly by the pathologist at the inquest as being 9cm by 6cm by 4cm.



When a patch of arterial wall weakens the artery expands, just as a weakened bicycle inner tube expands before it bursts. The degree of expansion determines the likelihood of rupture. Rupture is less likely if the diameter of the expanded aorta is less than 4cm, dangerously common if it is more than 6cm. Surgery is usually recommended for anybody therefore whose aorta is within the range 4-6cm for at this stage the death rate in the best hospitals is no more than 2 per cent. Delay can be dangerous: once the aorta has ruptured the mortality during surgery is well over 50 per cent. Stanley Nurse's symptoms of abdominal discomfort, backache, a pulsating swelling in the abdomen and interference with the blood supply to the feet are typical of abdominal aortic aneurysms.

Aneurysms which affect the aorta as the blood flows through the chest — about a quarter of the total — can also cause backache, breathlessness, cough, a hoarse voice and difficulty in swallowing. Nobody knows the symptoms which Mr Nurse experienced immediately before his death; he died suddenly one night in his sitting-room chair. Usually when the aorta ruptures the patient complains of a sudden increase in abdominal pain, or chest pain if the aneurysm is affecting the thoracic aorta, and back pain. As the internal bleeding from the aorta continues the blood pressure falls and consciousness is lost.

Many aneurysms are symptom-free and the importance of aortic ultrasound as a means of diagnosing these comparatively small aneurysms is becoming accepted.

Patients with a family history of aneurysm who are over 50 and hypertensive, particularly if they are male, or have had a leg amputated, need regular examinations. Surgery, involving replacement of the damaged stretch of aorta with a synthetic substitute, can be undertaken when the risk is low.

How children are damaged by divorce

When parents split up, they leave lasting emotional scars on their children. **Ian Robertson** reports



The film *Kramer vs Kramer* dramatised the bitter struggle for custody of a child



In life half of all divorced fathers lose contact with their children within two years

What happens to your children if you or your partner dies? It's the kind of thought which goes through the minds of most parents now and again. As a parent you have probably taken out life insurance with such a possibility in mind. From time to time you have worried about the effect on your child — emotionally, socially and financially — of losing you or your spouse. You know that children above a certain age never forget the death of a mother or father, and you appreciate that this may affect them for the rest of their lives.

But have you thought about what will happen to your children if you divorce or separate? You won't have taken out any insurance against this and you probably haven't thought about it as much as you have about the possibility of dying. This is a pity, because children are damaged much more by divorce than they are by parental death.

As many as one in three children in Britain will endure the consequences of parental divorce or separation; you can't get precise figures because almost a third of children are now born outside marriage and split-ups in these families are not officially recorded. If it is indeed true that boys and girls whose parents split up on average suffer more permanent damage than those whose mother or father dies, then this makes family breakdown one of the great unrecognised social health problems of our time. What is the evidence?

Dr Martin Richards, who runs the Centre for Family Research at Cambridge University, is an expert on divorce. He and his colleagues have studied 17,000 children from the National Child Development Survey who were born in Britain during one week in 1958 and were followed up at the ages of 7, 11, 16 and 23.

Dr Richards and his team looked at what happened to these children as they matured into adolescence and adulthood, comparing the ones whose mother or father had died with those whose parents had split up, in terms of education, career, health and wealth.

Although the harmful effects of divorce are apparent across all social classes, the effects on middle-class children are striking: middle-class girls were the group most damaged by divorce by the time they reached adulthood.

While the death of a mother or father before a child is 16 does have some effect on a child's life, divorce does far more damage. And if we examine, on average, the fortunes of young adults whose middle-class parents have divorced, compared with those whose parents have stayed together, the conclusions are stark. Children born of middle-class parents in 1958, who were not 16 before their parents divorced . . .

- had twice the chance of leaving school without any qualifications (boys and girls)
- had two thirds the chance of going to university (boys and girls)
- were a third more likely not to have a full-time job at age 23 (boys)
- were two-thirds more likely not to have a full-time job at aged 23 (girls)
- were four times more likely to be living in a council house at age 23 (boys and girls)
- were two-thirds more likely to be a regular smoker age 23 (boys)
- were a third more likely to be a regular smoker age 23 (girls)

Taking children of middle and working-class parents together, children of divorced parents were:

- twice as likely to have a child before age 20.
- twice as likely to be married or living with someone before age 20.

DIVORCE AND MIDDLE-CLASS CHILDREN

%	Boys: Parents together	Boys: Parent died	Boys: Parents divorced	Girls: Parents together	Girls: Parent died	Girls: Parents divorced
Left school at 16	48	52	75	47	55	77
Not in fulltime work	18	18	24	32	32	55
Living in council hse	4	8	18	4	11	18
Regular smokers	36	29	58	32	36	42

AND HOW FURTHER EDUCATION SUFFERS

%	Parents together	Parent died	Parents divorced
Go to university	31	27	19
Age 23 no qualifications	11	14	19

Dr Richards's research also found that children whose parents had divorced were on average less emotionally stable, left home earlier, and divorced or separated more frequently. They showed more behavioural problems in school, were more likely to be unhappy and worried, and were poorer at reading and arithmetic.

At the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, where Rutherford once split the atom, Dr Richards and his colleagues now study the splitting of families. "Low self-esteem may underlie a lot of these effects," he says. "Death of a parent doesn't produce the same problems. The critical thing seems to be children's awareness that parents have, through choice, separated, and for many this means a parent choosing to leave them."

The resulting sense of abandonment, Dr Richards says, can haunt children into adulthood, leading them to undervalue their own worth, lack self-confidence and hence enter too rapidly into serious yet potentially vulnerable relationships at an early age.

"As a university teacher I see that even when children have left home and are in their early twenties, their parents' separation or divorce can be very disturbing for them. Adolescents are particularly vulnerable, probably for similar reasons; at a point when they are learning about relationships, they see the most important relationship in their lives fall apart."

The differences between those whose parents have and have not divorced are most striking in young adult women from middle-class families. One reason for this may be that these women tend to embark on serious partnerships at an early age — perhaps seeking the emotional security and stability which their parents' divorce has denied them. As a result of having children so early, these middle-class young women miss the chance of going to university, and with that the career, income and fulfilment which they might have expected.

But the negative effects of divorce are *not* confined to young middle-class women — no class or gender is spared. Children whose parents have divorced are more likely to show symptoms of being unhappy and worried than children from intact families: for instance, divorced mothers more often report that their child worries about many things; is upset by new situations"; is bullied by other children; is miserable or tearful; prefers to do things alone. This is true both at age seven and at age 16.

Children of divorced parents also tend to misbehave more than those from intact families, again at both ages. They are more likely to be rated by their mothers as: being disobedient at home; fighting with other children; being irritable and quick to fly off the handle; destroying others' belongings; being squirmy or fidgety; having difficulty settling to anything.

The majority of children of divorced parents end up living with their mothers, but if their mothers remarry the children tend to show more problems than those whose mothers stay single. "Particularly for adolescents, it is very difficult to come to terms with a parent dating again," Dr Richards says. He argues that good and regular contact with the absent father can reduce some of the ill-effects of separation, even though this may be at the expense of increased conflict between the parents: the sad fact, however, is that a half of all divorced fathers lose contact with their children within two years.

Dr Richards, 55, is himself a divorcé: "I was 21 when I married, but we were too young and it didn't last. We had no children." And now? "I have grown-up children but have never remarried." Divorce and family conflict can blight the lives of children — though it is important to remember that all the statistics available are *average* effects, and clearly there are many children who fare well when their parents separate. Furthermore, until the present generation of children have grown up, we will not know whether the effects of divorce will be as bad as they were for the children of 1958.

Children survive best where good contact is maintained with both parents. "Many children learn that their parents are separating from a third party. Parents often do not talk to them and ask them what they want."

And what do they want? Dr Richards pauses for a second. "They almost always say they only want one thing," he replies. "That their parents should stay together."

● *Ian Robertson is a senior scientist at the MRC Applied Psychology Unit in Cambridge*

Measles vaccination has been a success — but for some the price may be bowel disease

The sting in a jab

SO IS measles vaccine safe? Last week's research report that the vaccine used on tens of thousands of children every year may increase the risk of inflammatory bowel disease in adult life alarmed many people, none more so than the Government's Chief Medical Officer, Dr Kenneth Calman.

According to the study published in *The Lancet*, the incidence of the gut disorders Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis are three times higher among the 3,500 people who had measles jabs as two-year-olds in the early 1960s than among those who were not vaccinated.

Doctors at the Royal Free Hospital in London, who conducted the study, say this is only the latest in a series of research findings over the past six years, all of which point to a link between measles vaccine and bowel disease.

This is a considerable blow for Dr Calman. So far this year, there have been just 21 recorded cases of measles in Britain, compared with an expected 200,000, after the biggest vaccination campaign the country has seen. Seven million schoolchildren aged five to 16 were given jabs last autumn after indications of a worldwide epidemic.

About 120,000 people currently suffer from inflammatory bowel disease, which causes abdominal pain, diarrhoea and weight loss, and the incidence is rising. In the *Lancet* study, one in 140 of the vaccinated group developed the condition.

However, measles is not a trivial illness. Complications occur in one in every 15 cases and encephalitis (swelling of the brain) in up to one in 1,000. Of those who develop encephalitis, 15 per cent die and 20 to 40 per cent suffer irreversible brain damage. The peak age for children developing measles is between four and five, which is why the (live) vaccine is administered in the second year of life. The Royal Free research team, led by Dr Andrew Wakefield, says the rise in bowel disease is linked to exposure to the vaccine, not to measles itself, possibly because children are more susceptible at this young age. A study of Scottish schoolchildren showed Crohn's disease had increased sixfold from 1968 to 1988.



Dr Calman has responded that bowel disease has been increasing since the 1930s, long before measles vaccine was introduced. Dr Wakefield suggests that an improvement in social conditions meant that deaths from measles fell dramatically in the early 1900s, from over 1,000 lives a year to a couple of hundred. This may mean that those most susceptible to the virus are surviving but they are the ones most likely to develop inflammatory bowel disease either from measles itself or the vaccination.

The Royal Free doctors concede that bigger and better studies are required before any change is made to the national vaccination programme or in advice given to parents. Dr Calman, for his part, promises to examine new evidence carefully.

For parents of small children, the dispute highlights the balance between risk and benefit common to all medical treatments. Most will want to go along with the advice, from both sides, to stick with the vaccination programme for the present. But those with a family history of inflammatory bowel disease may want to think again.

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What did Russia fight for?

Anne McElvoy on Moscow's militaristic celebrations

Craggy faces of fighting heroes peer out from a shop window on the Novi Arbat filled with imported lingerie. Trams and trolleybuses are emblazoned with "Fifty Years of Victory" or just "Glory!" At night, Moscow's central ring-road is sealed off to let the tanks and armoured personnel carriers practise for their triumphal judder through the city on May 9.

The anniversary of the defeat of Hitler is to be celebrated in a militaristic manifestation indistinguishable from the woodenly orchestrated parades of Soviet times. The only difference is that these days, there are goods in the shop window, as well as the posters and placards.

While invited Western leaders fret about the symbolism of watching a parade of soldiers some of whom may have taken part in the bloodshed of Chechenia, a far greater sleight of hand is taking place. The international jamboree suggests that all present, whichever side they were on in the war, are commemorating the same thing: the defeat of a brutal and aggressive Nazi dictatorship. But Russia's approach to the anniversary is essentially different: it is marking a Soviet victory, with no appreciable attempt to distance today's Russia from the Stalinist entity of 1945.

Russians generally speak not of the Second World War, but of "the Great Patriotic War". Nowhere in the commemorations is it acknowledged that the war began in 1939, the year Hitler and Stalin signed their non-aggression pact. There is still a substantial deficit of public knowledge about what was evil about Hitler's Germany — other than its waging war on the Soviet Union.

The Holocaust was played down by Stalin as he embarked on his anti-Semitic campaign to root out "Cosmopolitanism" after 1945. He even approved the show-trial of Paul Merker, a leading East German party member and intellectual who wanted to make restitution towards the Jews a central plank of Communist policy. The genocide is little discussed in Russia to this day. The term is traduced in politicians' speeches, used to mean any killing of which they disapprove.

The Kremlin is intent on creating a relentlessly upbeat celebration to bolster the spirits of a benighted nation. No room has been left for remembering those victims of the war killed by their own side — the purged officer corps or the targets of the dreaded "procurators" who were responsible for imposing Communist Party discipline in the ranks, more often than not with a randomly applied revolver.

All but the most stubbornly reformist newspapers are following the official lead in their coverage of the anniversary, printing safe memoirs rather than engaging with the trickier question of the incongruence between the images of bloodthirsty Stalin the mass-murderer and great Stalin the war-leader.

Nor is this simply a case of the stubborn Soviet past seeping through into the post-Communist present. It is a cynical attempt by an insecure leadership to robe itself in borrowed grandeur, regardless of the fact that there would be no President Yeltsin if the Soviet Union had not collapsed.

The Prime Minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, has said that Stalin's name cannot be deleted from the history of the war, and has praised the dictator for rallying the country, but the leadership has stopped short of allowing Stalin's face to appear on posters and memorials. Marshal Zhukov has been resurrected as the main figure in the iconography or the war.

The veterans, in whose name this is allegedly all taking place, are being treated as mere cogs in the machinery. Obliged to cover an exhausting distance from Red Square to the Poklonaya Hill, they will be regimented once more, marching to orders from above. A welter of feudal declarations from the Kremlin has granted them extra pensions, a holiday voucher and free medicine to mark the day, before the majority of them return to life at subsistence level in an economy unable to provide for the weak or unproductive.

> The two images of Stalin — as hero and as tyrant — cannot be reconciled

Evaluating the meaning of the victory celebrations is a dizzying business. May 9 cannot be considered a victory for democracy in Russia; indeed the vanquishing of German fascism was the central pillar in the construction of Communism, which replaced the exhilaration and ideological fervour of the Revolution as the binding force of the dictatorship.

In one of the few critical appraisals of the jubilee, the writer and war veteran Vasil Bulkov writes: "We know what we fought against. But the painful question of what it was that we fought for goes unanswered. The halo of sinlessness with which we have crowned the participants of the war gets brighter every year. That suits both the veterans and the rest of society. But it is a false image, from a boy's novel, not from the world as it was."

Taken together with Russia's growing tendency to define its foreign policy aims in opposition to the West and the rumbling war in Chechenia (to be suspended for cosmetic effect during the celebrations), May 9 is a perturbing reminder of the interest that many in her power élite have in defining the greatness of their country solely in terms of military prowess and war. Another generation of children will grow up having seen tanks parading through the streets, not as a result of extraordinary coups or uprisings, but as an acceptable display of national pride in peacetime.

The official statement of aims behind the day defines its purpose as "the promotion of the ideas of patriotism and the defence of the Motherland through reminding people of the heroic deeds of Russian soldiers in the war". Whose patriotism, which Motherland, and to what ends, it is careful not to disclose.

Denis MacShane argues that the Clause Four conference was not a defeat for the unions, but a challenge

Now the unions must let Labour go

Labour's conference on Saturday definitively settled accounts with early-20th-century Labourism. Clause Four has gone. Are the unions next to be expelled from new Labour? As an MP sponsored by the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, I hope not. But the relationship between unions and Labour can never be the same again. The conference in Westminster Hall marked the beginning, not the end, of a debate about the unions' links with Labour.

The onus is now on the unions to justify their continued presence in new Labour's constellation.

Ninety-five years ago British steelworkers sat down with other industrial trade unions and founded the Labour Party. In contrast to European social democratic parties, which created trade unions in the last century as dependent bodies, the British trade unions regarded Labour MPs as their parliamentary spokesmen. This position was long maintained. Ernest Bevin used to growl at Labour intellectuals in the 1930s that the Labour Party "grew out of the bowels of the trade union movement". Clement Attlee gave ministerial posts to more than a dozen trade union general secretaries, and Labour's last Prime Minister, James Callaghan, made his name as assistant general secretary of the tax collectors' union before rising through the parliamentary ranks.

I value my sponsorship by Britain's steelworkers' union. It provides constant contact with an industry that is central to my Rotherham constituency and to Britain's manufacturing future. The union pays £200 a quarter to my local constituency party to pay for printing leaflets, organising street stalls and mailing literature to members. I would be happy to see that financial link replaced by proper state funding of the democratic political process, as is the norm in Europe. But I would still want to be invited to the steelworkers' conferences to talk with union leaders and ordinary members, as part of the task of any Labour MP.

My union consulted its members over Clause Four and received a clear message to support Tony Blair's rewrite of the party constitution. The tragedy of many of the unions that spoke at Westminster Hall was that they were speaking not for their members but exclusively for the activists who dominate union conferences and executives. The first task for these unions if they wish to keep in touch with the Labour Party is to get back in touch with their members.

The next job is to think hard about how to cast their votes in Labour's internal processes. The party's internal policy-making process is now much more reliant on individual members, asking each one to cast a vote. The days of party policy being decided by last-minute wheeling and dealing by executives and delegations in hotel rooms in Brighton or Blackpool must end.

Similarly, unions could usefully take a lead in suggesting changes in the make-up of the party's executive. More and more places on Labour's National Executive Committee are taken up by nominated union apparatchiks, mainly from the public sector. The unions representing the manufacturing, wealth-creating sector have been squeezed out. In particular, the provinces, where many union officers play a constructive role in civil society, are not represented in the Labour Party's centralised, London-dominated executive machinery.

Unions which hold conferences biennially or triennially might ask why the Labour Party needs an annual October bun-fight at the seaside. This winter, 25,000 people have joined Tony Blair, John Prescott and Robin Cook in debating ideas and policy. The annual conference itself is a relic from the early part of the century. Regional or policy conferences could replace the annual event and allow more thoughtful and constructive input by delegates speaking for unions.

A quarter of a century ago, when I joined the Labour Party, the trade union voices at its conferences were those of the working class, for whom unions were a pathway out of the pit, steelworks, shipyard or factory to which the class system consigned so much talent. But increasingly, the voices heard proclaiming from the rostrum what the working class wants are those of university graduates who have decided to make their careers as a full-time union bureaucrats. The number of speakers at Saturday's conference who actually work for a living in British industry could be counted on one hand.

Some union leaders, such as Keith Brookman, the able general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, have decided to make their unions first-class instruments of industrial representation, instead of second-class ersatz political parties. This does not exclude political campaigning.

Similarly, the case for a minimum wage will be more effectively made by constructing an external campaign to win over public opinion, rather than by a fight within the Labour Party.

The paradox of trade union power is that it can be all the greater if it is not seen as wholly linked to a political party. The unions in Germany and the Nordic countries have far more influence in society, deliver a much better deal for their members, and are taken much more seriously by left-wing parties because they are not formally parts of the party political process. Far from a loosening of the links between unions and Labour being to their disadvantage, Britain's trade unions can now reinvent themselves for the next century's challenges.

Michael's Macbeth moment

Heseltine would love to lead the Government, but what is the point if the party is too ashamed to speak its name



The leader and deputy leader of the council's Conservatives, Henry Shaw and Gerry Hartopp, said yesterday they would refuse to see the party chairman, and added that they wanted to distance themselves from the whole Cabinet.

Bernard Levin

Remember the ancient and hallowed rubric? "When the heseltine is blustering, the blairs are shooting up everywhere." And oh, is he blustering! If he were a man who needed solace I would truly be sorry for him, but to give him his due he scorns such ointment. But now his first and perhaps last problem is obviously whether to stab Major in the back, though we must allow for the serious possibility that it might be in the front. Not because of delicateness — who ever saw Heseltine being delicate? — but because timing is all.

You see his problem. If it is to be immediately after the local elections, he will be portrayed, rightly, as kicking a man who is down (though remember Iain Macleod's saying: "What's wrong with kicking a man when he is down? I should think it's the best time to kick him") — but if he waits, he waits not only under the shadows of Portillo and Clarke, both no less hungry for advancement, but also under the shadow of the general election.

Treacherous, you hear me say? A wicked slur, surely? Then you have too short a memory. Heseltine betrayed a Prime Minister to gain the prize; he failed to get it (I remember his wife in tears in those long tense hours, but he, as you would expect, came out head up), and now to fail again would be the end for his ambitions. Oh, and forget all the nonsense of rules and how long a time must elapse before a challenge to a Prime Minister. If there is a serious attempt to pull the rug, the rug will be pulled. And if it has to be Heseltine or one of his footmen, so be it.

Now I might as well make clear, at the cost of giving offence to my readers, that if I were giving advice to a young man thinking about a career, who for some reason had only two choices, the one being a politician and the other being the man who goes round behind the dogs at Wembley Stadium after the race scooping up the beasties' droppings with a pan and brush, I would passionately urge the latter *and think the boy would have had a bargain.*

However, it seems that others, politicians, think differently, which explains Hanley, if indeed anyone could explain Hanley, at least not without doubling up with laughter. Ah, but did you know — I didn't until just a few days ago — that most of the jokes about him were not jokes at all? Listen to this about the chairman of the Conservative Party:

> Jeremy Hanley has been declared an electoral liability by some Tories in Erewash who are boycotting the Conservative Party chairman's visit . . . Councillors are convinced that Mr Hanley is so "gaffe-prone" that he will make matters worse and will drag up "smutty" national political issues . . .

It is obvious that the Tories are in such disarray that they can hardly stop to see what fools they are making of themselves. Take the ludicrous little fellow (Hunt, he is called, I think), who ran about pretending to be shocked when Blair pointed out — and no one could deny it with a straight face — that the Prime Minister is a multiple liar.

There would be nothing startling about calling the Prime Minister a liar, even if he weren't one. But the point I am making has nothing to do with mendacious prime ministers, it is the collapse into nothingness of the Tories. Despite all the years of my interest in elections — fully half a century, from boyhood to the present — I cannot remember a precedent for a party so demoralised that many of its candidates are apparently ashamed to admit that this is what they are, and who are thus sailing under other flags. Whence the curious number of candidates saying that they are asking voters not to vote Tory, but to vote "Horticulturalist" or "The usual man", or for other strange versions of camouflage.

Yet it is obvious that the Tories cannot just shrug and go home to bed, never to emerge, and that is where we can see a sight truly never seen before: a hysterical Heseltine. Hark: "Why should we believe a word of what he says today, when he's just told us that he doesn't believe a word of what he said yesterday?" No, no, *no*, you've got it *wrong*, but I am not at all surprised: it is Heseltine insulting Blair, not absolutely everybody spitting in the eye of Heseltine.

When I contemplate what is going to happen in the local elections on Thursday (and for that matter the nail-biting decision that Heseltine has to make), I can hardly express my joy. Expert psephologists say that the Tories could lose up to 2,000 seats, and those, I may say, include many walkovers for Labour, because in many seats the Tories could find no candidate willing to stand. (Don't worry, when it is over, my beloved Woodrow will tell us all that the débâcle was really a tremendous vote of confidence for the Tories.)

But are you surprised? If I had any pity for the Tories (I haven't), I would expend it on the poor devils whose job it is to keep the torn, dirty, crumpled, ragged, holed flag flying. But when they are reduced to claiming that the Conservatives are loathed because of the nine sceptics (or was it 11?) rocking the boat, it would need the patience of all the saints in the calendar not to give up.

Well, most *have* given up. The simple truth is that this country is sick and tired of the Tories. The Heseltines and their like (but *are* there any like?) are bound to the stake; they can't just quit Parliament and go into business, though come to think of it, Heseltine came from business, after all, and made a fortune by his own skills and enterprise, until he got into his head that it might be rather fun to be the Prime Minister. And the rest you know.

Yes, the country is sick and tired of the Tories. There are no more excuses, no more mirages, nothing to fall back on (or into) other than a bottomless black hole, and since it is always the Tories, not Labour, who are found with their trousers round their ankles, they cannot even hope for a scandal. It doesn't matter, or matters only for the psephologists, why the Tories have to go into the black hole. It would be intriguing if one of the polling companies did a survey, asking only those who say that they have given up the Tories, *why* they have thrown in the grubby towel. I bet you that a very considerable number of respondents would have to say Don't Know.

But even those who say they *do* know, know for a somewhat arcane reason. It is not that many people are, or think they are, worse off under the Tories; it is not that they distrust the Eurocrats; it is not that there is a limit to sleaze; it is not that the Prime Minister has lied. It is simply that the Tories' time is up, and not just up, but very up indeed.

If Ian Mikardo, who was Parliament's bookie, were still alive, he would be offering 60-1 for a Labour landslide, and closing the book because too many bets were pouring in (and he had no fear of a run on the bank). Mind you, the mystery of "Tories Out, Tories Out, Tories Out, Out, Out!" is not hard to decipher. We are a people who live by fairness, and although a good deal of the fairness has been chipped away in the past few years, the bedrock of it is still there. *And it is now Labour's turn.*

Don't laugh, it might make Heseltine cry. We have had almost 16 years of unbroken Toryism, and it is enough. But it is enough not just because of the Tories' mistakes, rottennesses and lies — though those things have had an enormous effect — but simply because enough is enough. The pendulum has swung, and it won't swing back until Labour has had its turn. That very word, "turn", makes clear what I am talking about. I wish Blair every success, and I think he will have it. But that is not the point; the point is that the British people, in their voting, will not suffer what looks like becoming a permanent fixture.

A problem — *the* problem — raises its head. The Tories are in power, and will cling to every scrap of it, however dishonest, odious and mendacious the clinging must be. It is a pity, unlike some other countries, that we do not cut off the heads of the outgoing or defeated party. Very well, we can wait.

Spiritual side

AS FRENCH voters prepare for next Sunday's run-off in the race for the Elysée Palace, I hear of an unexpected casualty of the split within the right-wing Balladur/Chirac camp. Father Alain Maillard de la Morandais, charged with the testing task of caring for the moral and spiritual welfare of French deputies, has resigned, after allegations of bias.

The priest, based at the parish church of Sainte-Clothilde immediately behind the French assembly, first became the subject of complaints last year. Rumours whizzed around the Assembly that he had been heard to voice a preference for Prime Minister Balladur over the other Gaullist presidential candidate, Jacques Chirac.

Balladur had personally decorated the priest with the Legion of Honour last year. Although the priest denies campaigning for any politician, he salutes "the moral courage" of Balladur and the Socialist front-runner, Lionel Jospin.

As he stepped down, de la Morandais confessed: "As long ago as last autumn, Jacques Chirac called the Cardinal [Archbishop of Paris, Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger] to complain that I did not like him."

An assembly source sighs: "It's very sad, as he was a tremendous source of comfort. Many people do not see why he had to resign. After all, the Church has always dabbled in politics."



"No, you Tarzan — me motorway protester"

- *Some of the French visitors enjoying their May Day holiday in sunny London yesterday had come to gloat. Adverts for the Eurostar across the Channel declared: "Take the Shuttle in order to watch the English at work on May 1."*

Nice point

THURSDAY'S parish council elections in the peaceful Hertfordshire hamlet of King's Langley may turn on a punctuation mark! Candidate Ian Senior is protesting that the apostrophe in "King's" was left out of the statement of candidates. "The parish has been spelt both ways historically but I have campaigned for over twenty years to have the apostrophe kept," says Senior.

If he narrowly loses, a new ballot may be needed. "Somebody might be put off voting for me, thinking that I had spelt King's Langley without the apostrophe. And anyway, the apostrophe is an endangered species."

- *The Commons catering corps took up the challenge when Labour MP George Galloway held a conference about the Gulf last Saturday. For the first time, they served a halal meal. "Delicious," salivates Galloway. "There were 150 people, mostly Muslims, and we had lamb kebabs, humus and pitta bread. After lunch, several of the delegates took out their prayer mats, decided where East was and prayed towards Mecca."*

Siren suited

AFTER my item about Sir Winston Churchill's siren suit, it emerges that such a garment helped to instil the British Bulldog spirit in the stern headmistress of the Commons, Betty Boothroyd, during the war. Reminiscing about her childhood in Dewsbury, Boothroyd reveals that long nights in the family cellar during air-raids were buoyed up by her very special garment.

"My mother got a grey blanket, dyed it purple, and made it into a siren suit, with a pixie hood, which she lined with pink satin," says Boothroyd in the VE-Day issue of *The House* magazine. "When I zipped myself into this suit, I felt I was prepared for anything Hitler might drop on me."

Beagling away

CAMBRIDGE's Trinity Foot Beagles are welcoming their first-ever lady master — Stephanie Hirsch-Meiller, who is reading classics at Selwyn College. With time to bed down before the new season, Hirsch-Meiller reassures older hands that she is "not one of those ghastly feminists", and is busily learning the names of the 30 beagles. "I have photographs of all of them, but it is difficult to tell them apart", she complains. "I must admit, though, that I do already have a favourite, called Drifter."

In the bud

NIPPIES, the fleet-footed purveyors of tea and cucumber sandwiches at the sorely-missed Lyons Corner Houses, made a special return yesterday. Waitresses from the 1940s dug out their sharply-cut black frocks with starched collars, neat white aprons and peaked caps to dart between the tables again, and reminisce about the Blitz.



Teatime for the British Lyons, 50 years on

Charlwood House, a home for the elderly in Westminster, was converted into an old-style café with admission by ration-book.

"The Nippies were always so polite and efficient," mourns one lady veteran, tucking into a French fancy. "It's a shame that the Corner Houses have gone. They were very popular. I remember them vividly: they were where I did my courting."

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PEACE NOT TRUCE

What Bosnia most needs is a new diplomatic strategy

In Bosnia, a four-month ceasefire officially ended yesterday. For the West's political leaders this ceasefire has been a blessed respite. With the conflict out of the limelight, they could claim — without having anything to show for mediation — that diplomacy now had a chance. Precisely because they are divided about what to do next, the members of the five-power contact group are united in the desire to prevent Sarajevo, Bihac, Gorazde and Srebrenica from being household names again. That is what the frenetic shuttling between the Bosnian Government and Bosnian Serbs by Yasushi Akashi, the United Nations special envoy in former Yugoslavia, is all about.

In Paris, Moscow and to a lesser extent Britain, politicians mutter about a great and present danger of all-out fighting and a possibly contested withdrawal by Unprofor, should Mr Akashi fail to secure an extension of this truce. But the risk of serious escalation is greater in Croatia than in Bosnia, where neither side is capable of decisive military gains. The benefits of preserving a *status quo* which all parties resent should not be exaggerated. Seen from inside Bosnia, this ceasefire has been a farce. It was always provisional, constantly flouted, and never considered by any of the combatants to be the beginning of peace.

In theory, it has enabled Unprofor to go quietly about protecting Bosnia's "safe areas" and delivering humanitarian aid. In practice, whatever UN spokesmen say, Unprofor is hostage to Serb gunners and Western policy is hostage to them too, because protecting civilians has come to take second place to protecting "our boys", and the Serbs know it. UN troops in the eastern enclaves, denied such bare essentials as diesel, cannot even function properly as monitors. Sarajevo is once again being strangled; its airport has been closed since April 9 and the Mount Igman road, the only government-held land link with the outside world, is under fire from Serb heavy weapons which are banned from the area by a UN resolution supposedly enforced by Nato. As for central Bosnia, Bosnian-Croat forces have continued trying to drive back the Serbs.

An end to this halfhearted truce could even be beneficial if the sense of pending emergency forces diplomacy onto a fresh tack. Douglas Hurd referred yesterday to the divisions within the Serb camp. But to exploit them successfully, he must first have a new strategy. The "Greater Serbia" policy has become a political trap for Slobodan Milosevic, Serbia's strongman. He has broken with the Bosnian Serbs to escape UN sanctions. As a result, he would be weakened by a Bosnian Serb victory which he had publicly set out to thwart. This is the contact group's point of leverage. Mr Milosevic has said that he will recognise all frontiers, but only within an "overall settlement". He should be presented with one, based on Bosnian Serb accession to the year-old Bosnian-Croat federation. That would create the basis for confederal links between Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia. If he agrees, sanctions should promptly be eased.

General Sir Michael Rose said shortly before relinquishing his Unprofor command that this war will not end unless Bosnia returns being the "multicultural, civilised state" that it historically has been. That will now be enormously slow and difficult. But the basic starting point is what it has always been: the mutual recognition of all of former Yugoslavia's frontiers and guarantees for minorities. The existing contact group plan has got nowhere because neither side is convinced that the divided peace on offer is better than fighting on for their respective political aims. Any partition plan for Bosnia will be seen by one side as unjust, and thus to be resisted — if not tomorrow, then next year. That truth is what should concern politicians; the fate of the latest ceasefire is a wholly secondary matter.

CONSUMERS' CHAMPION

Labour wants to be seen as the party of competition

The Labour Party's first try at making serious policy in the post-Clause Four era seemed an unpromising start: another rambling excursion into the fog of abstract nouns beloved by Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor. This time the subject was competition policy and consumer protection, but the mixture of academic jargon and overwrought rhetoric was as bewildering as ever. On closer inspection, however, Mr Brown had chosen his battlefield cleverly: this is an area of real political vulnerability for the Government.

Mr Brown's aim is to establish that much of the financial hardship that voters — and especially Tory voters — have recently suffered was connected with the Government's failure to police the competitive marketplace in a way that even Adam Smith would demand. The Government, Labour claims, has allowed monopolies to overcharge consumers, has looked the other way as giant companies have strangled small competitors, has encouraged banks to squeeze the lifeblood out of small businesses. It has connived with the now notorious financial services industry in bamboozling customers into accepting ruinous mortgage, insurance and pensions advice.

Some of Mr Brown's claims carry overtones of Old Labour. He attacks the privatised utilities for doubling their profits — their profits are simply "a reflection of more effective monopoly", he insists. This comes close to the trade union dogma that sacking underemployed workers is somehow an abuse of monopoly power.

Nevertheless, Mr Brown is broadly right on the main issues. Britain's system of protecting competition against monopoly abuses is disorganised, dangerously politicised and ineffective. But proposals to merge the Monopolies Commission and the Office of Fair Trading and change the burden of proof in restrictive practices cases, sensible though they may be, are not going to win cheers on the hustings or even to inspire much interest among economists. Despite its imperfections, Britain's competition is more intense than in any other European country. Reforming competition policy will not produce some kind of transformation in economic performance.

It is in consumer protection that Mr Brown has found an economic issue that could do the Government real harm. The mis-selling of personal pensions and the explosive growth of endowment mortgages were two of the great social disasters of the 1980s, comparable in their impact on many families to the Lawson house-price boom. Mr Brown is right to put some of the blame on inadequate regulations for financial disclosure to customers; and the intimate links between the City and the Conservative Party are bound to inflame suspicions about the Government's lack of vigilance on financial consumers' rights.

What Mr Brown may underestimate, however, is the difficulty of curing the abuses which he has correctly identified. Publishing official league tables for the cost of mortgages and insurance products may sound splendid, but interpretation will be as complicated as it is for the league tables of hospitals and schools. Curbing monopolies and restrictive practices will often mean reining in national champions such as British Telecom, British Gas and British Airways. A tough competition policy is likely to destroy jobs in large unionised companies and replace them with non-unionised employment in small firms. Monopolies and business interests are soft targets for Labour. Only when he confronts the vested interests of trades unions will Mr Brown make good his claim that Labour is now "the party of competition and the consumer".

MARBLE CANCER

The Taj Mahal rots as pollution spews out unchecked

At nine o'clock tonight, Channel 4 will broadcast *An Open Letter to India*: in what could prove to be his most important role to date, the acclaimed actor Saeed Jaffrey appeals to the Indian Government for the life — no less — of the Taj Mahal.

It is no secret that the Taj is in mortal danger from pollution and neglect. As long ago as 1976, the Delhi correspondent of *The Times* wrote that "the white marble surface of the 17th-century building is seriously threatened by an oil refinery at Mathura, near Agra, which is due to come into full operation in the early 1980s". The refinery, a mere 30 miles from the world's most beautiful monument, is now working to its intended capacity, and propels 1,000 kilos of sulphur dioxide into the air every hour of every day. This level of pollution would be in breach of India's own environmental safety laws, were they ever to be enforced.

The effect of this noxious discharge on the translucent marble of the Taj has been nothing less than appalling. Kipling's "Ivory Gate through which all good dreams come; ... the embodiment of all things pure," is now forlorn, yellowing and blotchy with grime. It is still magnificent to behold, but the filthy air of Agra will soon ensure that Shah Jehan's monument to his wife will look better in our picture-books than it does to the visitor's smarting eye. To its credit, the Supreme Court of India has ordered the state Government to shut down hundreds of polluting industries in the vicinity of the Taj. Yet its order has not been complied with to any degree of satisfaction: the city of Agra is still teeming with illegal tanneries and foundries. Each one the source of grave detriment to this most precious part of India's heritage.

Distressingly, the refinery at Mathura continues to ply unchecked its brew of acid rain. If the damage to stone is so apparent, how harmful must the poison also be to those thousands who live and work in its shadow. In an essay on our pages last December, which was as moving as it was trenchant, Bernard Levin called urgently for experts to "gather and measure the shape and size of the misfortune, then get to work on it".

The error of siting a refinery at Mathura should have been apparent from the start: not only has it imperilled the Taj, it also affects adversely the renowned bird sanctuary at Bharatpur, and the ancient Hindu shrines at Vrindavan and Mathura itself. But the threat to the "sigh made of stone" is the most monumental of all. No-one will forgive the Indian Government if it fails to relocate the oil refinery, and if the Taj is allowed to rot beyond repair.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Press watchdog defends progress

From Lord Wakeham, Chairman of the Press Complaints Commission

Sir, Mr Joe Ashton, MP (letter, April 29), cannot have it all ways. The select committee of which he was a member said over two years ago that it was "far from convinced that the number of complaints made [to the Press Complaints Commission] is an accurate reflection of the number of breaches of the code of practice. Many people remain unaware of the PCC ...". He now argues that "... if self-regulation was working there would be fewer complaints, not more".

I accept that there was a time when far too many people had either never heard of the PCC or lacked faith in its ability to act judicially. However, that is changing as the commission builds authority with a strong and dynamic membership. Unsurprisingly, this higher and more purposeful profile is attracting more complaints to the PCC. I am pleased by that development. Any Member of Parliament will know the effect on his postbag of increased publicity for a particular issue.

Mr Ashton underestimates what can be achieved by a voluntary code of practice. An examination of the PCC's files shows the spirited lengths to which editors will go to defend their conduct by reference to our code — or conversely the speed with which they learn from errors of judgment. I doubt very much that the editors and journalists whose publishers have included the PCC's code of practice in their contracts of employment laugh at press self-regulation.

I readily accept that we still have a way to go to convince some legislators that the PCC can fairly hold the balance between the public and the press. However, press self-regulation must be made effective to prevent the nightmare of any true democrat — a system of statutory press controls.

Yours truly,
WAKEHAM,
Chairman,
Press Complaints Commission,
1 Salisbury Square, EC4.
May 1.

Labour's policy on industry's needs

From the Shadow Secretary for Trade and Industry

Sir, In the Business section of *The Times* today Mr Tim Melville-Ross, director general of the Institute of Directors, is quoted as believing that a Labour government would have a damaging impact on Britain's economy. I wonder if he could let us know exactly why he holds this view.

Labour is currently developing sound industrial policy to ensure the right conditions for the success of the British economy into the next century.

An IBM consultancy survey published last year showed that less than 2 per cent of British companies are currently considered world-class. We want to change this situation.

World-class companies are globally competitive companies. Competitiveness comes from productivity, which in turn depends upon investment in skills, technology and capital. Yet investment as a proportion of manufacturing output is currently at a 30-year low.

Not only will Labour put in place a sound industrial policy, we shall also create a stable macro-economic environment. And by that I mean an economy characterised by stable, low inflation, steady growth of GDP, stable employment, a stable exchange rate and balance of payments, and stable, low interest rates.

All of these important economic variables have been on a roller-coaster ride for the past 15 years, with the result that our manufacturing base has been decimated and long-term business and consumer confidence has been sapped.

A Labour government will combine sound economic policy with sound industrial policy to produce a world-class modern economy. We are committed to working towards a dynamic, thriving economy characterised by fairness as well as by the rigour of competition, where incentives and rewards match performance in the global marketplace.

Labour is actively consulting with industry on the design of our economic and industrial policy. If Mr Melville-Ross could be more precise in his remarks we would, as always, be happy to give them due consideration.

Yours etc,
JACK CUNNINGHAM
(MP for Copeland),
House of Commons.
April 26.

Anglican Church's money problems

From the Bishop of Chelmsford, Deputy Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Church Commissioners

Sir, Professor Herrmann (letter, April 24), who is sure there would be more sympathy towards the need for increased giving from parishioners if those responsible for investment losses were to apologise, may, with others among your readers, be helped by knowing that the Church Commissioners have made a public apology.

As deputy chairman of the board, I conveyed it, through the General Synod, on November 11, 1993. It was repeated in a message, from the First and Third Estates Commissioners, which we sent to all clergy in February 1994. The board thought this corporate acceptance of responsibility more fitting than the attribution of blame to individuals.

What is equally important is that, as well as being sorry, the Commissioners have taken significant corrective and strengthening action over the last few years. All the recommendations of the Lambeth Report have been acted on and consultations within the Church about securing both the future funding of clergy pensions and adequate central support for the ministry in poorer parts of the country have been under way for many months.

Ten years ago the value of the Commissioners' assets approached £1.9 billion. They stand today at some £2.4 billion despite revaluations, up as well as down, of £800 million between 1986 and 1992.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN CHELMSFORD,
Church Commissioners,
1 Millbank, SW1.
April 26.

From the Reverend J. A. G. Scott

Sir, Your leader (April 21) on the Commons report on the Church Commissioners' financial failings is satisfyingly direct and timely, in particular as you make the point that change in the way the Church of England pays for its ministry has long been on the way.

However, by twice using the word "subsidy" in the context of lay people's contribution to the cost of that ministry, and of the Church's mission, you help to perpetuate the long-held myth that members of the Church of England are entitled as of right to a largely free provision of ministry.

It is the money from the Church Commissioners that is the subsidy, and Church of England members have been fortunate to have enjoyed so large a subsidy for so long. Now they must seriously commit themselves to paying their own way, as members of other churches have always had to do.

Where the Church of England does have a special case to plead is in having so many ancient buildings, some of considerable architectural importance, to maintain, and a great number of them by very small communities.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES SCOTT,
The Rectory, 2 School Lane,
Kirk Ella, Hull,
North Humberside.
April 24.

From Mr Richard Freeman

Sir, The parish of Brundish is a farming community in mid-Suffolk of about 60 houses and 150 inhabitants. It has an ancient church of simplicity and tranquillity. I have been in charge of its restoration for ten years, during which time much money, time, effort and care has been given by very many people and organisations.

The congregation, at our two hour-long services a month, averages about ten people. Our principal expense is a quota payable to the diocesan board of finance. We are expected to contribute £3,800 this year through the quota, and next year £5,000. This we cannot do.

Elementary arithmetic shows that for each hour our rector spends with us in church we are expected to pay to the diocese £158, and next year £208.

We are told that the Church is suffering a crisis of giving. May I respectfully suggest that the crisis is not a crisis of giving, but one of taking.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD FREEMAN,
Yew Tree Farm, Brundish, Suffolk.
April 24.

'Instant' gambling

From Dr E. Moran

Sir, David Rigg of Camelot does not address in his letter (April 26) the essential difference between the National Lottery's weekly draw and the "Instants" game. These scratch cards, unlike the weekly draw, provide an opportunity for rapid turnover. This is encouraged by results that give the illusion of coming close to winning a big prize.

Concern was expressed about this type of scratch card by the last Royal Commission on Gambling, which referred to it as a "heart stopper". It is well known to encourage the "chasing of losses". "Instants" should be confined to premises licensed for gaming. Their sale through ordinary retail outlets is wholly inappropriate.

Furthermore, it is not clear what conclusion one should draw from Mr Rigg's statement that £50 million worth of scratch cards a year were bought before the introduction of the "Instants".

In the same issue of *The Times*, there is a report that £144 million was spent on "Instants" since they were launched on March 21.

Since problems resulting from any type of gambling are directly related to the amount of money staked, this explosive increase in expenditure on scratch cards must be a matter of some concern.

Yours faithfully,
E. MORAN (Chairman),
The National Council on Gambling,
Regent's Wharf,
8 All Saints Street, N1.
April 27.

A test of class

From Professor R. N. Franklin, FEng, Vice-Chancellor of the City University

Sir, You reported (May 1) on research, conducted by the Association of University Teachers into the class mix of university students in this country, which concluded that the middle classes still dominate.

There are two reasons why this will continue to be so. First, the current method of classifying students is a lagging one, in that it uses parents' class to typify the student. This is of doubtful validity now that the majority of university students are mature and have established their own socio-economic standing.

Second, projections of the types of work available, using data over the past thirty years, indicate that within two generations the composition of the workforce will be so changed that the "working class" will have all but disappeared.

The political consequences of this transformation are profound and are beginning to be generally appreciated. In fact, one of the functions of universities is necessarily that of class transformation.

I conclude, that the golden age of working-class universities will never occur in Britain.

Yours faithfully,
RAOUL FRANKLIN,
Vice-Chancellor,
The City University,
Northampton Square, EC1.
May 1.

More mink

From Mr Andrew Robathan, MP for Blaby (Conservative)

Sir, In your interesting article on the "mink invasion" (April 22) it was suggested that the mink population had stabilised or might "even be declining".

Sadly, recent studies have produced evidence to the contrary. Mink were first identified as breeding in the wild in the United Kingdom in 1957; this month "A review of British mammals", published by the Joint Nature Conservation Committee, has found "strong evidence of increase in numbers and range" among the feral population of approximately 110,000. Furthermore, two national otter surveys have confirmed the mink's continuing spread.

Anecdotal evidence points to a population boom. In my own constituency in south Leicestershire, I hear of large numbers of mink being trapped on small brooks and streams, in areas which do not have much bankside cover and are relatively intensively farmed.

I regret that the numbers and range of feral mink in this country are continuing to increase, even if more slowly than in the past. Unless this spread is checked, the impact on our indigenous wildlife will become even more serious.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW ROBATHAN,
House of Commons.
April 25.

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Downing Street gates

From Mr Peter Cadogan

Sir, Your statement (report, April 20) that the erection of the Downing Street gates in 1989 "ended 200 years of public right of way" is at least 20 years amiss.

Public access was drastically curtailed in the autumn of 1969 as the result of an action by the Save Biafra campaign. People in besieged Biafra were being starved to death in large numbers.

Informed opinion, including most of Fleet Street, was moving into the pro-Biafra lobby, but Harold Wilson's Government was secure in the support of the Opposition, the City, Shell and an obedient BBC. The traditional protest lobby, effectively under the control of the far left, was with Moscow in support of Lagos.

The only possible mode of protest lay in small, spectacular actions, one of which involved us in burning the Prime Minister, in effigy, on the steps of Number Ten. In those days the police were still in Scotland Yard over the way. They came running out, but the Save Biafra campaign had by then done the job and melted into the crowd. There were no arrests. One policeman went beserk and had to be restrained by his colleagues.

Within hours temporary crowd-control barriers went up at the end of Downing Street, guarded by the police, and these were frequently deployed there until the gates went up in 1989.

Yours truly,
PETER CADOGAN
(Secretary, Save Biafra campaign, 1968-70),
3 Hinchinbrook House,
Greville Road, NW6.
April 21.

Arts Council shake-up

From Lord Gowrie, Chairman of the Arts Council of England

Sir, I understand the concern expressed (letter, April 28) by the president, English Centre of International PEN, and a number of distinguished writers at my assumption of the chair of the literary panel of the Arts Council of England.

However, in order to have representation of our newly-acquired National Lottery responsibilities on the council I requested that the Secretary of State allow me to have a council of 17 members, one more than at present.

On receiving his refusal of this request I was forced to make the difficult decision to take over from Michael Holroyd the chair of the literature panel in order to release a council member to the lottery portfolio. I shall continue to argue for an additional place and I do consider my own position a temporary, stop-gap affair.

In the meantime I have appointed Andrew Motion, poet, biographer, and professor-elect of the Creative Writing chair at the University of East Anglia, to be deputy chairman and he will exercise his considerable authority.

Until the Secretary of State sees reason Mr Motion and I will fight fiercely for literature, and whatever my own literary inadequacies, I am still quite influential within this organisation.

Yours faithfully,
GOWRIE,
Chairman,
The Arts Council of England,
14 Great Peter Street, SW1.
April 28.

Bats in the belfry

From Mrs Catherine M. Ward

Sir, The Archdeacon of York's humorous anecdote (letter, April 15) is of little consolation to clergy whose churches are badly affected by bats. It is also misleading, as bats rarely roost in belfries — which are too noisy and draughty — but generally above the main worship area.

Their droppings and urine consequently foul and damage church furnishings and fabric. English Heritage is currently researching this damage and the Movement Against Bats in Churches' dossier of afflicted churches is growing.

Bats and their roosts are protected under the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act but we believe Parliament should recognise the Church as a special case, and allow it jurisdiction in this matter — as it has ecclesiastical exemption in other respects.

Churches are primarily spiritual and historical buildings, needing urgent protection. For small rural congregations — already beleaguered — bat infestation can be the last straw.

Yours etc,
CATHERINE WARD
(Founder, Movement Against Bats in Churches),
The Rectory,
Bale, Fakenham, Norfolk.
April 24.

Study of Classics

From Mrs Edna Preece Smith

Sir, Your correspondents (April 8, 11, 17, 20) have concentrated on the general decline in the teaching of Classics in the maintained sector. Specifically, in Gloucestershire at least, the situation is even darker.

One of my sons wished to take Greek, Latin and mathematics at A level. Mathematics was no problem but the local education authority informed us that no school in the maintained sector in the whole of Gloucestershire offered Greek and only three "may" offer Latin — none within 20 miles or on any conceivable public transport route.

If you want to take A-level Classics in Gloucestershire, you have to make your own private arrangements. My son was fortunate in having two Classicists who were prepared to devote their free time to him, but others will not necessarily have this advantage.

If Gloucestershire's neglect is a fair reflection of the rest of the country, then remedial action by politicians responsible for education is essential.

Yours faithfully,
E. R. PREECE SMITH,
Tudor House,
Fairford, Gloucestershire.

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Dead to rights

From Mr Jonathan Ruffer

Sir, Death may be certain (letter, April 27), but could it be that strenuous physical exertion makes it a racing certainty?

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN RUFFER,
Ruffer Investment Management,
12 Upper Grosvenor Street, W1.
April 27.

Better to give?

From Mr John B. Harris

Sir, How narrow are Canon Clarke's anathemas (letter, April 26); mine are parsnips, Brahms and the French.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN B. HARRIS,
15 Chartwell House,
12 Ladbroke Terrace, W11.
April 26.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 1: The Duke of Edinburgh left Heathrow Airport, London, this morning to visit Royal Air Force Saxa Vord, Haroldswick, Unst, and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Shetland (Mr John Scott).

His Royal Highness, President, World Wide Fund for Nature - WWF International, this evening flew to Finland.

Major Charles Richards was in attendance.

The Queen was represented by His Excellency General Sir Phillip Bennett (Governor of Tasmania) at the Memorial Service for Sir Stanley Burbury (formerly Governor of Tasmania) which was held in the Cathedral Church of St David, Hobart, this afternoon.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 1: The Prince of Wales this evening gave a Dinner for the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen holds an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Animal Health Trust, will attend the Fantasy fashion show followed by dinner at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, at 7.45.

Princess Margaret will unveil The Allies, a bronze commemorating fifty years of peace, in Bond Street at 12.45.

The Duke of Gloucester, as patron, will attend the World Heritage and Museums Exhibition and Symposium 1995 at the Albert Hall at 10.45; and, as Grand Prior of the Order of St John, will attend the annual meeting of the fellowship at Guildhall at 2.15.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the maternity unit at Ysbty Gwynedd, Bangor, at 2.50.

The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, Crewe, Cheshire, at 10.30; and, as Patron of the London Philharmonic, will attend the Beecham Gala at the Festival Hall at 7.20.

Princess Alexandra, as Deputy Colonel-in-Chief of the Light Infantry, will open the restored Shropshire Regimental Museum at Shrewsbury Castle at 2.00; and will open the new headquarters of 5th Battalion the (Shropshire and Herefordshire) Light Infantry at Copthorne Barracks at 3.30.

Premium Bonds

The £1 million prize in the Premium Bond draw for May was won with bond number 7HW 046920. The winner lives in Kent, and has a bond holding of £2,000.

School news

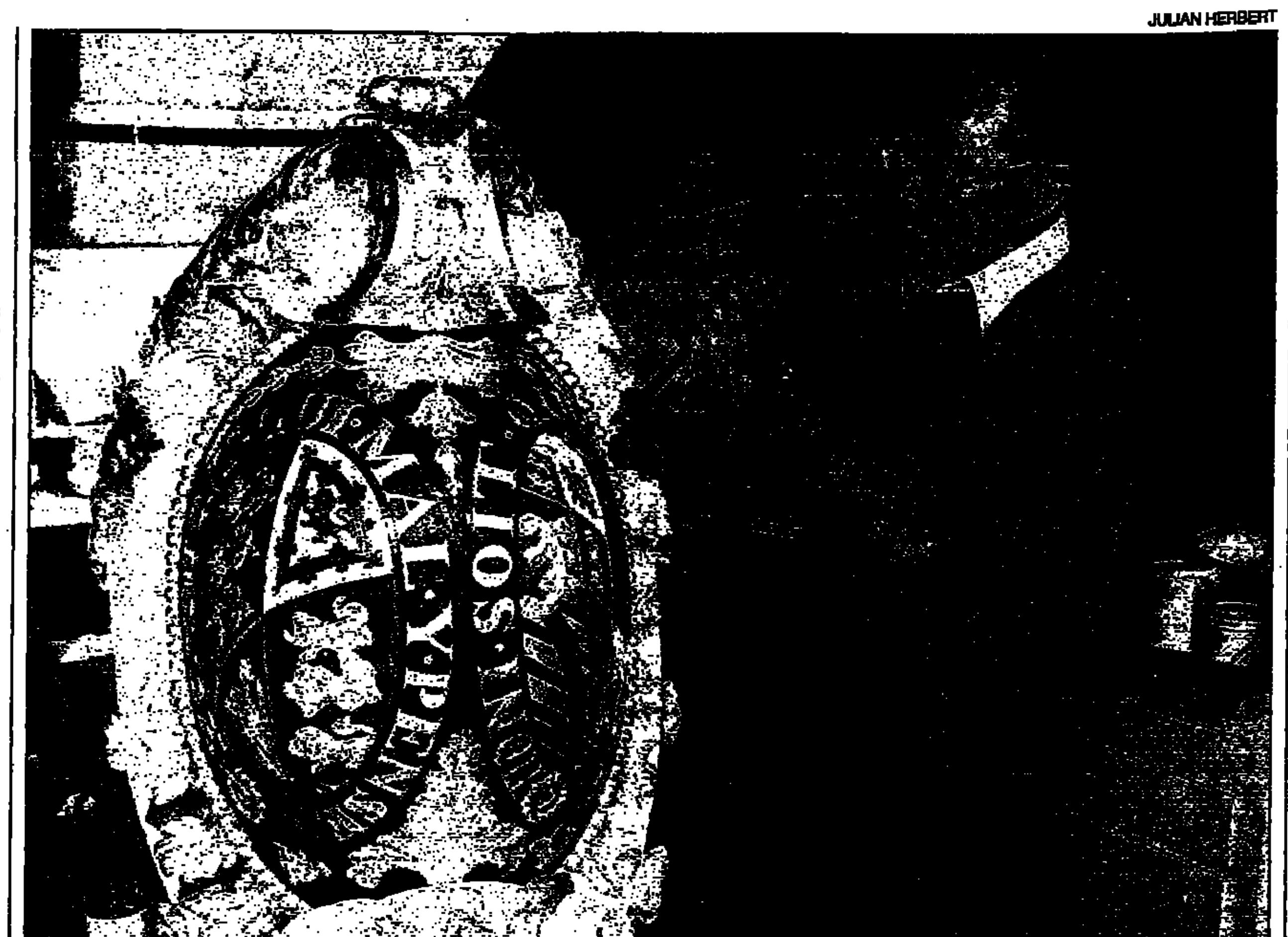
The Godolphin School, Salisbury
Term began on April 20, 1995, and will end on Parents' Day, Saturday, July 1, 1995. Our Annual Summer Ball for Sixth Form leavers will take place on Saturday evening and this year is to be held in honour of three distinguished and long standing members of staff who are retiring, Natalie Moss, Head of English (1984-1995), Norah Saynor, Head of Geography (1972-1995) and Duncan Valentine, second in the Mathematics Department (1975-1995). Past pupils and their families are very welcome to join the present school for this occasion and further details and tickets can be obtained from Mrs Linda Cherry, School House, The Godolphin School, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP1 2RA.

Westonbirt School
If the Invader Comes - a prelude to VE-Day in words and music will be presented at the School on May 5 at 7.30pm as a tribute to the five members of the School killed in World War II. Tickets are available at the door. The proceeds of the concert will help to augment the Westonbirt Memorial bursary fund.

Birthdays today

Dr Robert Anderson, director, British Museum, 51; Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraclough, 77; Professor N.K. Buxton, Vice-Chancellor, University of Hertfordshire, 55; the Right Rev Bruce Cameron, Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney, 54; Mr Andrew Cohen, chairman, Betterware, 42; Sir Hugh Cortazzi, diplomat, 71; Dr I.P. Evans, Head Master, Bedford School, 47; Mr Alastair Forbes, writer, 77; Mr Peter Foster, former Surveyor of the Fabric, Westminster Abbey, 76; Mr Jon Foulds, chairman, Halifax Building Society, 63; Sir Campbell Fraser, former chairman, Scottish Television, 72; Sir James Hamilton, aviation expert, 72; Dr Patrick Hillery, former President of the Republic of Ireland, 72; Professor Sir Robert Honeycombe, metallurgist, 74; Mr Clive Jenkins, trade unionist, 69; Professor Michael Kaser, former director, Institute of Russian, Soviet and East European Studies, Oxford, 69; Mr Brian Lara, cricketer, 26; Dr Malcolm Lipkin, composer, 63; Miss Elaine McDonald, ballerina, 52; Dr Chris Masters, chief executive, Christian Salvesen, 48; Mr John Neville, actor, 70; Air Marshal Sir Ian Pedder, 69; Miss Dawn Primarolo, MP, 41; Lord Silsoe, QC, 65; Sir Ronald Sinclair, former president, Appeal Court of The Bahamas and Bermuda, 92; Dame Nancy Snagge, former director, WRAF, 89; Dr Benjamin Spock, childcare expert, 92; Mr David Suchet, actor, 49; Mr Alan Titchmarsh, horticulturist and broadcaster, 46; Sir Fred Warner, diplomat, 77; Mr Jimmy White, snooker player, 33; Lord Woolf, 62.

JULIAN HERBERT



Jack Whitehead, 82, nears the end of ten months' work restoring the figurehead from Queen Victoria's first Royal Yacht, the *Victoria and Albert*. The figurehead, which features the separate coat of arms of Victoria and Albert, was found in a Hampshire antique shop by Charles Tobias, chairman of the Friends of the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich, who sent it to Mr Whitehead's workshop on the Isle of Wight for restoration.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Camden, antiquary and historian, London, 1551; Alessandro Scarlatti, composer, Palermo, 1660; Catherine II, the Great, Empress of Russia 1762-96, Scezecin, Poland, 1729; Robert Hall, Baptist minister, Arnsby, Leicestershire, 1764; John Galt, novelist, Irvine, Strathclyde, 1779; Jerome K. Jerome, novelist and dramatist, Walsall, 1859; Theodor Herzl, Zionist, Budapest, 1860; Manfred von Richthofen (the Red Baron), German air fighter, Schweidnitz, 1882; Henry Hall, band leader, London, 1898; Bing Crosby, singer, Washington, 1904; Faisal II, King of Iraq 1939-58, Baghdad, 1935.

DEATHS: Leonardo da Vinci, painter, sculptor, architect and engineer, Clos-Luce, France, 1519; George Wither, poet, London, 1667; Hester Piozzi, writer, friend of Dr Johnson, Bath, 1821; William Beckford, writer and eccentric, Bath, 1844; Alfred de Musset, poet, Paris, 1857; Giacomo Meyerbeer, composer, Paris, 1864; Lady Astor, first woman to take her seat as an MP, Grimsthorpe Castle, Lincolnshire, 1964; J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI 1924-72, Washington, 1972.

The British Navy mutinied at the Nore, 1797.

Berlin surrendered to Russian troops, 1945.

The first jet-aircraft passenger service began between London and Johannesburg on a BOAC de Havilland Comet, 1952.

Dinners

Furniture Makers' Company
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, was a speaker at a dinner of the Furniture Makers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr Alan Alston, Master, presided. Mr Hugh Joscelyne, Senior Warden, and Mr Jeremy Gotch also spoke.

During the evening the Lord Mayor presented the Claxton Stevens prize to Mr Alan Tilbury and Mr Ian Heseltine, who had designed and made the most outstanding piece of furniture submitted for inspection by the Craft Guild Mark jury during 1994. Among others present were:
The Earl of Limerick, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, MP, and the Masters of the Carpenters', Upholders', Basketmakers', Turners' and Wheelwrights' Companies and of the Company of Makers of Playing Cards.

Inter-Parliamentary Union
Dame Jill Knight, MP, Chairman of the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, was the host at a dinner held last night at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in honour of a parliamentary delegation from Austria led by Dr Heinrich Neisser, Second President of the National Council.

Athenaeum
Sir Robin Butler was the principal speaker at a talk dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Sir Kenneth Stowe was in the chair.

Chatham Dining Club
Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose was the principal guest at a dinner of the Chatham Dining Club held last night at the St Ermin's Hotel. Major-General G.H. Mills was in the chair.

Luncheons

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead
Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, OM, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at the House of Commons in honour of Lord Gladwyn. Among those present were:
The Earl of Mar and Kellie, Viscount Falkland, Lord Rodgers of Quarry Bank, Baroness Williams of Crosby, Lord Addington, Lord Banks, Lord Beaumont of Whitley, Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, Lord Ezra, Lord Harris of Greenwich, Lord Holme of Cheltenham, Lord Hutchinson of Lullington, QC, Lord Lester of Herne Hill, Lord Mayhew, Baroness Robson of Kiddington, Lord Rochester, Baroness Seear, Lady Thomas of Swynnerton, Lord Tope, Lord Tordoff, Lord Wigoder, QC, Sir Russell Johnston, MP, Miss Celia Thomas and Miss Margaret McGavin.

London Metal Exchange
Following his official visit to The London Metal Exchange yesterday, the Lord Mayor, Alderman Christopher Walford, MA, accompanied by Mr Sheriff Jonathan Charkham and Duty Household Officer, Colonel D.E.A. Tucker, was entertained at luncheon by Mr Raj Bagri, Chairman, and the Directors of The London Metal Exchange.

English-Speaking Union
Mr Martin Gilbert was the guest of honour and speaker at a literary luncheon of the English-Speaking Union held yesterday at Dartmouth House. Mrs Valerie Mitchell, director-general, presided.

Institute of Marine Engineers

The following have been elected Fellows of The Institute of Marine Engineers and are entitled to use the designatory letters FIMarE:
Mr E Hill, Mr H L Hyland, Mr S M Jayasena, Mr A A Kelly, Mr G Kenneway, Mr A G Khan, Mr W D Loth, Mr W T Owen, Mr B B Ozerov, Mr G Pattofatto, Mr W J Pemberton, Mr Tee Dhye Quek, Mr A B Shearer and Mr C Soens.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Mr Graham Whitehead was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Miss Hazel Ellis presided.

Church news

The Rev Barry Fenton to be Precentor of Westminster Abbey. He will be installed in September. Mr Fenton is at present Precentor of Portsmouth Cathedral.

University news

Nottingham Trent
Nottingham Law School has appointed Mr James Martin Hugh Hunter, of Essex Court Chambers, to be Sweet & Maxwell Professor of International Dispute Resolution.

Memorial service

Mr Frank Duncan
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Frank Duncan was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. The Rev Sister Denzil, CSA, officiated and prayers were also said by Miss Suzy Duncan, daughter. Miss Barbara Lott read the lesson.

Miss Stephanie Duncan, granddaughter, read *One Art*, by Elizabeth Bishop. Miss Daphne Oxenford read *The Pobble who had no Toes*, by Edward Lear. Mr Denis Quilley read an extract from *The Diary of Samuel Pepys*. Mr John Hagen read *Naming of Parts* by Henry Read. Mr John Warner read from Kenneth Grahame's *The Wind in the Willows*, and Mr Andrew Duncan, son, read the epilogue from William Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. The address was given by Mr John Hewitt. Among those present were:
Mrs Duncan (widow), Miss Sarah Duncan (daughter), Mrs Andrew Duncan (daughter-in-law), Thomas and Isobel Duncan (grandchildren), Mr and Mrs Gordon Hewitt (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mrs Joan Wildblood (sister-in-law), Mr Peter Hewitt, Mrs John Hewitt, Mr James Hewitt, Mr Peter Hewitt, Mr and Mrs Andrew Hewitt.
Sir Michael and Lady Kerr, Mr David Marshall, Mr Anthony Howard, Mr and Mrs Simon Playle, Mr Will Carter, Mr Sebastian Carter, Mr and Mrs Guy Naylor, Mrs Douglas Cleverdon, Mr Simon Gough, Miss Rachel Gurney, Miss Anna Steiner, Mrs Kate Mason, Mr Ivor Lloyd, Mr Piers Oakey, Mrs Pam Gluckman, Mr and Mrs John Frankau, Mr Toby Judge and Miss Noel Dyson, Mr Peter Hawkins and Miss Rosemary Miller, Mr and Mrs Nigel Forbes-Adam, Mr and Mrs Nick Lehman, Miss Mary Kenton, Miss Rosalind Shanks (director, Royal Theatrical Fund), Mrs Elizabeth Hurst, and Mr Anthony Land (Campden Hill Residents Association), Mrs Cornelia Murray-Phillipson, Mr and Mrs Charles Coles and other friends.

Sir James Scott-Hopkins

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir James Scott-Hopkins will be held in the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft, Palace of Westminster, at noon on Thursday, June 15. Those wishing to attend are asked to write for tickets to: The Assistant Receiver General (Protocol), Room 15, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, SW1P 3PA, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope by June 1. Tickets will be posted on June 5. All are welcome.

Lord Benson

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord (Henry) Benson, GBE, will be held at The Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, on Monday, June 26, 1995, at noon. Those wishing to attend should apply for tickets and a car pass if required to The Regimental Adjutant, Grenadier Guards, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London, SW1E 6HQ, by June 6, 1995. Tickets will be issued after that date.

Reception

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was the host at a reception held yesterday evening at 10 Downing Street to promote business and sporting links between the United Kingdom and South Africa.

Forthcoming marriages

The Revd N.I. Bourne and Miss S.E. Sanger
The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs R.E. Bourne, of Basingstoke, Hampshire, and Susan, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M.J. Sanger, of Havant, Hampshire.

Mr A.J.E. Maskell and Miss P.A. Hawkins
The engagement is announced between Adrian, eldest son of the Rev and Mrs John Maskell, of Ollerton, Newark, and Penelope, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hawkins, of Moss Vale, NSW, Australia.

Mr C.R.F. Proctor and Miss A.H. Prescott
The engagement is announced between Charles Richard Faraday, son of Mr and Mrs R.J.F. Proctor, of Cheltenham, and Amanda Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.T. Prescott, of Blackwell, Worcestershire.

Mr A.J. Todd and Miss S.H. Griffiths
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.S. Todd, of Chester, and Hayley, only daughter of Mr Mansel Griffiths and Mrs Tegwen Griffiths, of Bristol.

Mr G.M. Wright and Miss K.J.G. Gracey
The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Wright, of Oxey Farm, Loddington, Leicestershire, and Katharine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Gracey, of Clock House, Hamptons, Tonbridge, Kent.

Marriages

Sir Henry Wilmot, and Miss S.C. Malvern
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 29, at the Church of St James Garlickhythe, EC4, of Sir Henry Wilmot, elder son of the late Sir Robert Wilmot and of Mrs Juliet Wilmot, of Chittoe, Wiltshire, to Miss Susan Malvern, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Malvern, of Roehampton, London. The Rev John Paul officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Joanna Malvern and Miss Zoë Wilmot. Mr Blair Treherne-Pollock was best man.

A reception was held at Lincoln's Inn and the honeymoon will be spent in Italy.

Mr R.J. Besse and Miss J.A. Reuss
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 29, at Christ Church, Chelsea, between Mr Richard Besse, son of Mr and Mrs P.R. Besse, and Miss Julia Reuss, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.A.K. Reuss.

The bride was attended by Sophie Dear, Sophie Adie, Temora and Clementina Macpherson and Belinda Dear. Mr Guy Jenkinson was best man.

Mr D.H. Kirton and Miss K. Ponté
The marriage took place at Chelsea Town Hall on Monday, May 1, 1995, between Mr David Kirton, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Kirton, and Miss Kate Ponté, only daughter of Mr Alan Ponté and Lady Jenny Ponté.

A luncheon was held at The Dorchester and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

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BIRTHS

ADAMSON BUNTEN - On 28th April at The Portland Hospital, to Frances and Rod, a son, Matthew Alexander, a brother for Claire.

AMANI - On April 24th at The Portland Hospital, to Joan and Eddie, a beautiful son, Hayden, a brother to Jermaine, Nicholas and Liam.

BIDDLECOMBE - On 26th April, at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, to Monika (née Jung) and Richard, a son, Jason, a brother for Kirk, Robin, Glenda and Sebastian.

BRUCE - On 29th April, to Emma (née Jacomb) and Simon, a daughter, Zoe Fiona Evelyn, a sister for Patrick and Dominic.

CORBISHLEY - On April 28th at The Portland Hospital, to Patricia and Graham, a son, James Alasdair, a brother for Charles.

CORRIGAN - On April 26th at The Portland Hospital, to Candace (née Solheid) and Kevin, a beautiful son, Jack, a brother for Daniel and Ryan.

CROW - On April 28th, to Brenda and John, a son, George Thomas.

DAY - On April 28th, to Judy (née Hobbins) and Christopher, a daughter, India Sasha Antonia, a sister for Alexandra and Georgia.

GADSDEN - On April 25th at The Portland Hospital, to Melissa and Mark, a son, Peter James, a brother for Lillian and Rosamund.

GRAY - On April 27th 1995, to Jodi and Tom, a son, David Andrew, a brother for Stephen and James.

IGNATIEV - On 25th April 1995, to Fenella (née Garrod) and Misha, a daughter, Katya Isobel.

JOYNER - On 26th April 1995, in Dorchester, to Sue (née Parker) and Adam, a son, Charles Henry.

KARINIEMI-ELDRIDGE - On 13th April, to Ritva and Mark, a beautiful son, Toby Alexander, a brother for Luke.

KOUNTOURIS - On April 28th at The Portland Hospital, to Jeannie (née Woolard) and George, a handsome son, John Christian, a little brother for Evan.

LANGLEY - On April 26th, at Newcastle Royal Victoria Infirmary, to Helen (née Smith) and Robert, a son, Thomas Robert.

LIDDELL - On April 15th, to Lucinda (née Davies) and Edward, twin sons, Edward Harry and Simon Hugh. Many thanks to Hereford County Hospital Special Care Unit.

LONSDALE - On 29th April at the Wellington Hospital, to Jamie and Laura, a son, Arthur and a daughter, Esme. A brother and sister for Leonora, Rosanna and always remembering little Louis.

MEREDITH - On April 27th, to Sarah and Christopher, yet another new crew member - Rowena, and sister for Katie and Megan.

QUINN WINTER - On 26th April at The Portland Hospital, to Joe and Sheena, a son, Cameron Jack.

ROBINSON - On April 26th, to Nicola (née de Sellincourt) and Simon, a son, Guy Alexander Melland, brother for Benjamin and Edward.

ROYDS - On April 30th at The Portland Hospital, to Julia and Jumbo, a son, Ludovic, a brother for Rowan and Oscar.

STROTHE - William Walton at The Portland Hospital on April 27th, to Lucinda Herrick and Gunther Strothe, a brother for Kattrin, Daniel and Alexander.

VELLACOTT - On April 30th to Pamela Rose (née Laing) and Iain, a son, Edward Robert David, a brother for Guy.

DEATHS

ADAMS - On April 29th, peacefully at home, Sylvia Kathleen, aged 95 years, wife of the late Wing Commander F.P. Adams RAF. Funeral Service to be held at St Disen's Church, Bradninch, at 10 am on Saturday May 6th. Family flowers only. Donations please to the RAF Benevolent Fund.

ANDERSON - On April 30th 1995, peacefully at the Marie Curie Hospice, Caterham, Shirley, beloved wife of Philip and much loved mother of Kate, Julia and Matthew. Mercifully released from a period of illness borne with great courage and dignity. Funeral Service at St Nicholas Church, Godstone, on Friday 5th May at 12 noon. Family flowers only please but donations to Marie Curie Cancer Care would be appreciated c/o Gatyer and Co. Funeral Directors, 48 High St., Godstone, RH9 8LW, tel: (01883) 742313.

BANNISTER - On April 29th, Antonina, devoted wife of Edward and mother of Edward, Joanna and John. Funeral at Sparsholt Parish Church on Thursday May 4th at 11.45 am, followed by private cremation. All enquiries to Jno. Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester, (01962) 844044.

BARRETT - Dr. Geoffrey Malcolm M.D., F.R.C.P. at his home in Kelso on 27th April 1995, aged 77. Consultant Physician Lancaster and Kendal Hospital Group 1950-1982. Private cremation. Family flowers only. No letters please.

BARRITT - Christina. Artist and illustrator. On 29th April 1995, aged 72 years. Mother, grandmother, widow of Anthony Barritt. Brighton County Borough Children's Department. Donations to Age Concern Brighton. "to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from".

BARR - Morris Alfred. A dearly loved son of the late Mr and Mrs B.A. Barr of Melbourne, Australia, loved brother of Fred (K.I.A.), Margaret and David, fond brother-in-law of Milton Holden. A Memorial Service will be held in Melbourne.

BARR - Morris Alfred. Much loved uncle of Peter (Sydney), Janet (Geelong), Geoff (Perth) and Andrew (Melbourne). Special great-uncle of Kate, James and Annie Calder, Michael and Sarah Holden.

BARR - On April 28th, suddenly in hospital, Morris Alfred, aged 74, beloved husband of Dee (Shirley). Funeral Service to take place Tuesday May 9th 2 pm at St Mary's Church, Paddington Green, W2, followed by private cremation at West London Crematorium. All enquiries to Ballard and Barker, 308 Old Brompton Road, London SW5, tel: (0171) 370-6271.

BROWN - On 29th April 1995, William Anthony, of Aldbourne, Wiltshire. Beloved of family and friends. Funeral Service at St Michael's Church, Aldbourne, on Friday, 5th May at 2 pm. No flowers please, but donations if wished in lieu to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, Shaw House, 27 West Way, Oxford, OX2 0QH.

CLARK - Sir Colin Douglas Clark, Bt, MA, MC., passed peacefully away on 26th April, aged 76. Man of honour, most beloved husband of Margy and exceptional father to Jonathan, Sally and Gilly. Funeral at Crowcombe Church at 2 pm on Tuesday 2nd May. Family flowers only. Donations to The Salvation Army or Shelter.

DUCKWORTH - On Saturday April 29th, peacefully at home after a long illness, Diana, beloved wife of the late John, devoted mother of Anthony, Michael and Poppet and a much loved grandmother. Funeral Service Friday May 5th 12 noon at Tattersett Church. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund c/o Canler & Son, Highfield Road, Fakenham, Norfolk.

GEOGHEGAN - Peter Burgh, also known as George, died peacefully on 30th April 1995. Funeral at Holy Trinity Church, Finstock, on Thursday 4th May at 11 am. No mourning. No wreaths. Family flowers only but if desired donations to a charity of your own choice.

HILL - George (Günther), peacefully in Oxford on 30th April, aged 89. Quiet family funeral. Friends and neighbours are invited to a Remembering, at his home on 16th July at 11 am.

HOOLE - On 28th April, aged 81 years, Joyce (née Hardy). Dear valiant mother of John, Richard and Clare and wife of the late Donald. Funeral Service at St Philip and St James Church, Cheltenham on Friday 5th May at 12.30pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to The Cheltenham Blind Club or Talking Newspaper Assoc. c/o Clare Irving, The Rectory, Hempstead, Gloucester GL2 6LW.

JESSOP PRICE - On April 28th 1995 at home, Martin, husband of Maria, father of Richard, Petros and Helen. Funeral at St Paul's, New Southgate, on May 5th at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Research.

JOHNSTON - On April 29th 1995, peacefully at home Henry Brian aged 88 formerly of Bromley Kent and Outwood Surrey. Dearly loved husband of Barbara and a much loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service at St Mary's Iwerne Minster at 11 am on Saturday 6th May. No flowers please but donations if desired to Cancer Research c/o Colin J. Close, 18 Salisbury Street, Blandford Forum, Dorset. DT11 7AU.

MATHERS - On 26th April passed away peacefully at Yeovil District Hospital, Elizabeth Anne, aged 76 years, wife of Alexander, of Charlton Mackrell, Somerset. Funeral Service at Charlton Adam Church on Wednesday 3rd May at 1.30pm. Flowers or, if desired, donations for Charlton Mackrell Church c/o Forsey and Son Funeral Directors, Butleigh, Glastonbury, Somerset.

McLEAN - On May 1st 1995, in hospital after a long illness courageously borne, Dr. Ian Errol Donald McLean MBBS., MRCS., LRCP., Surg., Lt. RNVR., aged 78 years. Dearly loved husband of Eva-Maria, greatly loved and respected by his children and grandchildren. Private funeral. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be sent to the R.N.L.I., West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset BH15 1HZ.

MURPHY - Patrick Murphy of Nazareth House, Isleworth, formerly of Belfast, Northern Ireland, passed away peacefully on 1st May 1995 at West Middlesex Hospital, London. Burial to take place in Ireland. Any funeral enquiries to P. Ryan & Daughter, 6 South Ealing Road, W5, tel: (0181) 567-1664.

NIXON - On April 29th 1995, peacefully, Dennis of Collingham, Newark. Dearly loved father of Judith. Funeral at All Saints Church, Collingham, on Thursday May 4th at 12 noon. No flowers, any donations please to All Saints Church, Collingham, c/o David Tingle Funeral Director, 18 Oaklands, Collingham, Newark NG23 7RG.

PYRAH - Professor Leslie Norman Pyrah, CBE., late of Headingley, Leeds died peacefully on April 30th aged 96 years. Husband of the late Mary and a beloved father and grandfather. Funeral and Thanksgiving Service at St Chad's Church, Far Headingley, Leeds on Friday May 5th at 12 noon. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations may be sent to Wheatfields Hospice, Grove Road, Leeds 6, for which a plate will be available at the church.

RAE - Thomas P., C.ENG., F.I. M.A.R. E. Surveyor with Bureau Marine Veritas. U.S.A. On April 23rd 1995 at Blauvelt, New York. Late of Wishaw, Scotland. Beloved father of Stephanie, Gillian and Christopher. Sadly missed.

RILEY - Nigel Willoughby, aged 71, on April 26th peacefully at home after a long illness. Much loved husband of Gillian. Cremation on Friday 5th May 2.30 pm at Putney Vale. Enquiries to Sanders F/D. tel: (0181) 789-6855.

RYALL - On 28th April 1995, Ronald Brassey Canny Ryall, born 19th January 1907. Son of the late E. Canny Ryall FRCS. Former Partner at John Lewis and Master of the Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards. At his own request, funeral private - no flowers but any donations to Westminster Abbey Restoration Fund. A Memorial Service and party will be held in June - details to be announced on 29th May. Enquiries to (0171) 602-0901.

SEARBY - Michael, on 21st April 1995, died suddenly in Melbourne. Beloved husband of Jocelyn and father of Rose and David of 66 Kensington Road, South Yarra 3141, Victoria.

SIMMONDS - Kenneth R. Emeritus Professor of International Law, University of London, on Saturday April 29th, aged 67 years, deeply loved husband of Gloria, father of Caroline and Jeremy and grandfather of Thomas. Memorial Service to be announced.

SOUTHWELL - On 27th April, Group Capt. "Johnny" Southwell DFC, RAF (retd), husband of Gwen and father of Peter and Jane. Private cremation. Donations if wished to Katharine House Hospice, Banbury c/o J & M Humphris, 32 Albert Street, Banbury, OX16 8DG.

STORMES - Harry Stormes, B.A., B.Sc(Econ), Dip Ed., Ex Capt., R.Sigs, on 29th April peacefully after a short illness. Beloved husband, father and grandfather.

THOMAS - On April 29th 1995, peacefully after a long illness at Sutton Manor Nursing Home, Sutton Scotney, Winchester, Earle Hathway, Captain, Royal Navy, D.S.C. and Bar, aged 90. Beloved husband of Ramona, dear father of Margaret, Christopher and Liz and affectionate grandfather of Tony, Katherine, Nicola, Andrew, David and Richard, Jeremy and Julia. Private family cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at St Martin's, East Woodhay, Newbury, on Friday May 5th at 3.30 pm. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to the R.N.L.I. c/o Camp Hopson F/D, Northbrook Street, Newbury, RG13 1DN, tel: (01635) 522210.

WARNER - On April 30th, peacefully, Audrey M. aged 99 years. Cremation at Eastbourne on Friday May 12th at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to Mummery F/D, tel: (01424) 730418.

WILLIAMS - On 27th April 1995, suddenly, Templeton (Willie). Will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Enquiries to A.B. Walker & Son Ltd., 36 Eldon Road, Reading, tel: (01734) 573650.

WRIGHT - Mary Beatrice, widow of Ronald, much loved mother of Patrick and Kit, grandmother of Becky and Alexander, matron at The Hill School, Westerham, 1960-1965, peacefully after a short illness on April 28th, aged 84. Funeral Service at St Anne's Church, Kew Green, at 12 noon on Thursday May 4th. Flowers to St Anne's Church.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

CHAPMAN - Robin Leslie Charles, died 2nd May 1994 aged 41. Dear Robin much missed and loved by his family and friends. "Though fate may hold us far apart, she will turn our darkness to light". love forever, Shirley (Pup).

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OBITUARIES

VISCOUNT THURSO

Viscount Thurso, Lord Lieutenant of Caithness, landowner and founder of Caithness Glass, died at Thurso on April 29 aged 72. He was born in Surrey on December 24, 1922.



VISCOUNT THURSO was a most untypical Highland laird. He approached the challenge of dealing with the 100,000 acres of wild heather moorland in Caithness which he had inherited from his father with flair and enthusiasm, if not always with business acumen. He was more interested in the community in which he lived than in the ownership of land. He was a keen innovator and promoter of new industries in Caithness, who nevertheless relished tradition. He was an expert angler and stalker but was more involved in the management of the hill, the river and its wildlife than in sport for its own sake. He was without social pretensions, but had a strong sense of his own role. An expert in many things, he found the greatest fulfilment towards the end of his life in his presidency of the Boys' Brigade, an organisation to which he devoted himself tirelessly despite suffering from the crippling lung disease of emphysema.

The legacy with which he was confronted on the death of his father, Sir Archibald Sinclair, 1st Viscount Thurso, was a daunting one. Not only was he heir to what seemed like half Caithness; he also inherited a strong political tradition. His father had been MP for Caithness and Sutherland, Leader of the Liberal Party, Secretary of State for Scotland, and Churchill's wartime Secretary of State for Air. A glamorous figure, Archie Sinclair always wore the kilt at home, and, with his formidable wife Marigold, entertained generously, either in the remote Victorian splendour of Dalnawillan Lodge in the heart of the Caithness estate, or in their mansion in Richmond, Surrey. The young Robin Sinclair grew up fully alive to the importance of the family traditions but equally aware that there was not the means to sustain them.

It was partly this knowledge, and partly the creative side of his nature inherited perhaps from his mother, which prompted him to throw himself into a whole series of schemes to build employment in the area and to produce revenue. Not all, indeed very few, succeeded. But one, for which he will always be remembered, was Caithness Glass, today a thriving industry, which he founded and of which he was the first chairman. Its origins were typical of Lord Thurso's questing mind.

Pondering a use for sand, of which Caithness has a great deal, he hit on the idea of making glass, and looked it up in the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. Noting down the details, he proceeded with the plans, only to discover that the local sea sand was useless for making glass, and that it had to be imported from Belgium. Undaunted, he went ahead and opened the first factory in 1960.

Later, when sales were sluggish, he became a one-man marketing team, touring Harrods and other stores to persuade them of the merits of his product. His enthusiasm was infectious and, though his management of the business was more intuitive than methodical, he was to hand over a going concern which may be his most lasting legacy. Anyone driving north on the A9 is greeted at the border of the county with the sign: "Welcome to Caithness, home of Caithness Glass."

Robin Macdonald Sinclair was born in Surrey and educated at Eton — where he showed a talent for acting and sculpture — and at New College, Oxford, and Edinburgh University. Entering the Royal Air Force through Oxford University's Air Squadron, he was training to fly in the United States when Pearl Harbor was attacked. He stayed on as instructor to the US Air Force. Later, at his own request, he transferred to photographic reconnaissance in Mosquito fighter bombers in French Indo-China. After the war, he briefly commanded the Air Squadron at Edinburgh University, where he also studied agriculture and was captain of boats. To gain further experience of farming he worked on various farms as a dairy cattleman.

Robin Sinclair was only 30 when his father had the first of several strokes, which eventually were to incapacitate him. He found himself, therefore, taking over the running of the estates before he had had a chance to develop a separate career, though farming was an abiding interest. He and his wife Margaret, whom he married in 1952, worked to build up the farming side, particularly the creation of a flock of Cheviot sheep, using the house at Thurso East Mains, in the shadow of the ruins of the old Thurso Castle overlooking Scrabster Harbour, as their base.

At the same time he threw himself into local politics as a county councillor and a member of Thurso Town Council. In 1965 he was adopted as prospective Liberal candidate for East Aberdeenshire, losing at the 1966 general election to the sitting Conservative. On his father's death in 1970 he took his seat in the House of Lords, sitting on the Liberal benches and speaking on a whole range of subjects, mainly relating to Scottish wildlife and sporting issues. He became an expert on salmon through his interest in, and management of, the Thurso River and argued, long before it was fashionable, that the only way to improve a river was to treat the whole of it, including netting at the mouth, angling on its main beats and its hatcheries, as one. His interest in statistics echoed that of his ancestor, Sir John Sinclair, "Agricultural Sir John", who compiled the first statistical account of Scotland. It was Lord Thurso who brought salmon smolt from the Thurso to restock the Thames and one of his last public acts was to attend a meeting of the Scottish District Salmon Fishery Boards. He was also a member of the Red Deer Commission.

Inevitably, he had to cut back on the size and number of jobs on the Ulbster Estates. The 100,000 acres were reduced by about half. The 50 or 60 employees, including stalkers, ghillies and farm labourers, came down to single figures. But getting rid of people always went against the grain. He would take on a ghillie with a large family in order to justify keeping the local school, for instance, and for a long time he struggled to run the Victorian shooting lodge of Lochdhu as an hotel.

There were other ventures, all explored with enthusiasm, though not always with management skill — concrete boats, heather jewellery, peat fuel and commercial forestry. The last was to land him in controversy when he was accused of destroying parts of the famous "flow country" and adversely affecting the fishing. He pointed out mildly that a very small proportion was affected, and it was one of the few job-creating industries around. He was also an enthusiastic backer of the nuclear reactor at Dounreay, which had helped to create local jobs and was a mainstay of the Caithness economy. Again he shrugged off criticism when he said he would be happy to see nuclear waste buried on his land. "The way I look at it is that just as if you are going to start a dairy farm, you have got to know where you're going to put the muck," he said.

Robin Thurso was a warm-hearted and generous man, every bit as good-looking as his father, and always to be seen wearing the kilt, latterly accompanied by a rather battered pair of trainers. Striding over the hills with him, listening to a stream of information about the wildlife, about local history and local gossip, was always stimulating. He was a "hands-on" farmer, dealing with sheep and other animals with the familiarity of direct experience. But he was also keen on ritual, and when in 1973 he became Lord Lieutenant he was a willing figurehead, always superbly dressed to meet the Royal Family on their annual trips around the North Coast in the Royal Yacht *Britannia*.

He formed a specially close friendship with the Queen Mother, who regularly fished the Thurso River, and he and his family were frequent visitors to her home in the Castle of Mey. He gave her a small cottage on the estate which she renovated and greatly enjoyed as a place for picnics.

In 1985 he became president of the Boys' Brigade and toured the world, inspecting troops, taking salutes, and passing on his own unwavering enthusiasm for the organisation. Some ten years ago he developed emphysema, and his breathlessness meant that he had to cut back on many of his most beloved outdoor activities. But he still found time and energy to back one last enterprise — the development of Scrabster Harbour as an oil depot.

He is survived by his wife Margaret and two sons, John and Patrick, and a daughter Camilla. The title passes to his eldest son the Hon John Archibald Sinclair, who is 41.

JACOB WEINGREEN

Jacob Weingreen, Professor of Hebrew at Trinity College Dublin, 1937-78, died in Dublin on April 11 aged 88. He was born in Manchester on January 21, 1907.



Jacob Weingreen with his wife, Bertha

JACOB WEINGREEN was the first Jew to hold the chair of Hebrew in a Protestant university in a Catholic city. Pipe-smoking, unhurried, slightly aloof and deeply erudite, he was a typical product of an earlier academic age and also something of a paradox. Although he went to Ireland as a child with his family, first to Belfast then to Dublin, he never lost his Mancunian accent.

Trinity College Dublin was founded in 1592 by Elizabeth I to uphold the Protestant ascendancy, and until some twenty years ago Roman Catholic students were still discouraged from attending. Hebrew studies there go back to the 17th century and the chair of Hebrew was established by Erasmus Smith in 1724.

Jack Weingreen filled the chair with enormous distinction. He entered TCD in 1926 with a Hebrew sizarship. He won a Large Gold Medal and the Wall Scholarship in Hebrew and gained a first-class moderatorship in Hebrew and Oriental Languages in 1929. He was appointed lecturer in Hebrew in 1930. The following year he completed his PhD on ancient Hebrew education and was promoted to professorial assistant. He was appointed professor in 1937 and stayed until retiring in 1978.

Although his speciality was language and grammar, he had a profound interest in biblical archaeology. As a young lecturer in 1933, he was allowed to spend time as temporary assistant to Professor Eliezer Lipa Sukenik, the archaeologist of the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, and father of General Yigal Yadin, who led the Massada excavations and helped to uncover the Dead Sea Scrolls. In 1935 Weingreen again travelled to take part in excavations in Samaria.

His collection of archaeological artefacts formed the core of the Museum of Biblical Antiquities, which offically opened at TCD in 1957, the year before he was elected a college fellow. In 1977 the TCD board renamed it the Weingreen Museum, in recognition of his concern and care for the exhibits, which include Israelite, Canaanite, Egyptian and Babylonian artefacts. He became a member of the Royal Irish Academy of Science and Literature in 1962. He was also a governor of the Chester Beatty Library of Oriental Art, which houses a large number of rare biblical manuscripts.

While Eire was relatively unscathed by the Second World War, Weingreen and his wife, Johannesburg-born Bertha Greveler, felt deeply committed to the remnant of European Jewry left in the Nazi camps. In 1945 Bertha volunteered for service at the Jewish Relief Unit at Bergen-Belsen, leading the team which provided food and basic commodities. A Girl Guide division commissioner, she was then appointed chief welfare officer to deal with the wide and daunting variety of personal and social problems.

She was joined by her husband, who became director of education, providing technical education for 400 mostly Yiddish-speaking boys and girls. Husband and wife were honorary lieutenant-colonels. Two Weingreen officers in a unit was unprecedented and unmanageable. Bertha, who had arrived first and presented a human face, was already known as Frau Bertha. Jack simply became Herr Bertha.

But Weingreen's field, in which he gained a worldwide reputation, was grammar, the backbone of language. His *Practical Grammar for Classical Hebrew*, first published in 1939, has sold 160,000 copies. It is still in regular use and its golden jubilee was celebrated by the Oxford University Press in 1989.

He also wrote *Classical Hebrew Composition* (1957), *From Bible to Mishan: the Continuity of Tradition* (1976) and, in 1982, *Introduction to the Critical Study of the Text of the Hebrew Bible*. He published a number of scholarly articles which drew on his enormously detailed knowledge of the ancient sources. But his expositions were always lucid as he drew together the strands of Jewish life to show the links between one period and the next. As far as he was concerned, his methods of textual criticism were never revolutionary. He was simply following the path pioneered by the rabbis of Talmudic times.

When he spoke in 1972 as the first Jew to give the opening address to the Presbyterian College in Belfast — where his grammar was a standard textbook — he exhibited two ancient Byzantine lamps. They were almost the same, except that one was decorated with a cross at its end, the other with a seven-branched candlestick (the menorah) over a palm branch. Using them to comment on Ireland's contemporary sectarian divide, as well as the older Judaeo-Christian rift, he said: "Both are lamps, identical in shape, identical in function. They are the same lamp essentially, designed to spread light."

In 1961 he became the third Jewish president of the Society for Old Testament Study in Great Britain and Ireland. In 1969 he was elected to the council of the Jerusalem-based World Union of Jewish Studies and was president of the British Association of Jewish Studies in 1977. From 1971 to 1974 he was a member of the academic council of the Irish School of Ecumenics. He was a senior governor of *The Irish Times* and a director of the Irish Times Trust from 1974 until he retired last year.

He is survived by his wife.

STEFAN POSSONY

Stefan Possony, American political scientist, author and military strategist, died in Los Altos, California, on April 26 aged 82. He was born in Vienna on March 15, 1913.



Star Wars: an array of lasers, missiles and decoys takes on a supposed Soviet missile attack

RESPONSIBILITY for Star Wars — America's now-abandoned Strategic Defense Initiative — can be traced directly to Stefan Possony. In 1970, together with his co-author J. E. Pournelle, Possony wrote a book entitled *The Strategy of Technology — Winning the Decisive War*. In this the authors visualised exactly the type of defence system against attacks by ballistic missiles, the development of which was to occupy United States scientists and politicians for the next two decades.

The book caught the attention of Ronald Reagan, then Governor of California, where Possony was senior fellow at the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace. And when Reagan became President, he took the idea with him to the White House.

American defence policy at the time was one of deterrence by the development of overwhelming offensive force which would make either side think twice before deploying it. This was appropriately named mutually assured destruction (MAD). Possony argued that this strategy was insufficiently flexible. "To stay ahead in the decisive technological war," he wrote, "the United States must strive for a real option of assured survival." Though little of the necessary technology then existed, Possony postulated the very anti-missile ideas — including high-energy laser beams fired from satellite battle stations in orbit, advanced satellite radars to give early warning, and a range of decoys — which were later to be developed.

Stefan Thomas Possony left his native Austria in 1938 at the time of the Anschluss, travelling first to Paris where he worked first for the Quai d'Orsay and then for the French Air Force, undertaking pioneering studies on the possibilities of strategic bombing. In 1940 he escaped before the German occupation of Paris and emigrated to the United States, where he became a Carnegie Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton, analysing modern war and strategy.

With the US entry into the Second World War, Possony joined the Psychological Warfare Branch of the Office of Naval Intelligence and began broadcasting propaganda messages to Austria via short-wave radio. Because of his expertise in psychological strategy, he was later called upon to work on the formulation of the demand to surrender which was sent by the US Government to the Japanese Emperor.

After the war Possony became an intelligence specialist with the US Air Force, while at the same time teaching international politics at Georgetown University. In 1955 he moved to the Foreign Policy Research Institute at the University of Pennsylvania, where he taught courses on communism, psychological warfare, geopolitics, political philosophy, and strategy and revolution in the 20th century. Among several books published during this period were *A Century of Conflict*, *Tomorrow's War*, *Strategic Air Power*, *International Relations* and a biography of Lenin. In 1959 he gave evidence on the use of language as a communist weapon before the House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities.

Possony severed his connection with the Pentagon in 1961 and moved to the Hoover Institution at Stanford University.

He is survived by his wife Regina, and one daughter.

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To the shareholders of

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The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held on Tuesday May 16, 1995 at 3.30 pm at Industriens Hus, H.C. Andersens Boulevard 18, DK-1596 Copenhagen V.

The Agenda is as follows:

a) Report on the Company's activities

b) Presentation of the annual financial statements for approval; discharging the Board of Directors and the Executive Management from their obligations

c) Resolution for the distribution of the net profit for the year, including the declaration of a dividend on Company shares

d) Proposals for changes to subarticle 3 of Article 2, subarticle 1 of Article 10, subarticle 2 of Article 13, subarticle 1 of Article 15 and Article 31 of the Company's Articles of Association

e) Board resolution to transfer DKK 269,263,000 from the Company's share premium fund to free reserves (other reserves)

f) Resolution that the Board be entitled to acquire up to 10 per cent of own shares

g) Election of Board members

h) Appointment of two auditors for the current financial year.

For the resolutions set out under items d and e of the agenda to be passed, Article 18 of the Articles of Association requires that at least one quarter of the Company's share capital is represented at the Annual General Meeting and that the resolutions be approved by not less than two thirds of the votes cast and two thirds of the voting share capital represented at the Annual General Meeting. In the event that the required percentage of the share capital is not represented, but where the resolution has been approved by the above-mentioned qualified majority of votes, the resolution may, however, be passed at a new general meeting convened for this express purpose by the said qualified majority, irrespective of the percentage of the voting share capital represented at the General Meeting.

From Monday May 8, 1995 the agenda and the full and complete resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting, as well as the financial statements, the Auditors' Report and the Report of Directors, will be available for shareholders' inspection at the Company's registered office on the third floor of Kongens Nytorv 26, 1016 Copenhagen K, and at the Company's bankers in London and Paris. Not later than eight days prior to the Annual General Meeting, the above material will also be posted to the registered address of every shareholder on the Company register.

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Copenhagen, May 1, 1995

The Board of Directors

Newmarket punters rout striking stable lads

From Martin Huckerby
Newmarket

A running battle broke out at Newmarket racecourse yesterday when hundreds of racegoers swarmed on to the course to move striking stable lads who were sitting down on the Rowley Mile.

The spectators marched up the course and, despite attempts by the police to stop them, went into the group of about a hundred lads. One or two fights broke out and some lads retaliated but they were heavily out-numbered and swiftly left the course.

Mr Ronald Stone, Assistant Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire, had almost succeeded in talking the lads into leaving the course while a meeting was being held between union representatives and the trainers from whom the lads are demanding more pay. But just as he seemed to have ended the sit-it the horses for the second race came out on the course and moved towards the starting stalls.

As the jockeys tried to get their mounts through the lads the violence began. One jockey waved his whip at the lads who were frightening his horse, and they started chasing him back down the course. Then other jockeys tried to force their way through.

A mêlée started, and Willie Carson, a former champion jockey, was pulled from his mount, Avon Valley. With police help he remounted, rode back down the course and stopped opposite the members' stand.

He called out to the crowd that if they wanted the racing they would have to clear the track. He waved the racegoers on and they poured on to the turf.

As they began their advance, four of the jockeys, including Carson and Lester Piggott, galloped towards the lads and went through their line. The other horses also forced their way through, despite barracking and other attempts to stop them.

The spectators streamed up the course in hundreds, and although the police pleaded with them to go back they refused to stop.

As the two groups met, shouting and scuffling began. The lads turned and ran up the course, pursued by the crowd, and then ran off to the side.

The racegoers, who included owners, trainers and several women, halted, shouting that they wanted to have a go at the militants.

One of the leaders of their advance was a retired officer, Major-General Sir Randle Feilden, a former senior steward of the Jockey Club. Mr Robert Jackson, aged 54, from Whetstone, north London, a racegoer who was knocked down in the struggle, said: "I gave twice as good as I got." He felt sorry for the stable lads, "but when I saw them upset the horses, that is when the majority of punters here rebelled."

The meeting between the union deputation, led by Mr Samuel Horncastle, district officer of the TGWU, and the trainers broke down without agreement. Mr John Winter, chairman of the trainers' federation, said afterwards: "There is no more money."

ON THIS DAY

May 2 1975

When striking stable lads sat down on the Rowley Mile at Newmarket some jockeys tried to force their mounts through the strikers and an unseemly fracas followed as racegoers joined in the fray.

THE TIMES TODAY

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NEWS

Homeowners may face new tax bills

■ Up to two million homeowners could face an unexpected tax bill if they are made redundant or fall ill after a government ruling that payments received under mortgage protection policies are taxable.

From October, new borrowers will have to wait nine months before receiving any income support to help with mortgage payments. Lenders have been encouraging homebuyers to take out insurance to ensure that payments are made..... **Page 1**

Wry jokes set tone at Cook memorial

■ The memorial service for Peter Cook, who died in January, was attended by just about every comedian in Britain. Alan Bennett recalled that when following Cook on stage he would "be handed an audience so weak with laughter that I could do nothing with it".....**Page 1**

Blair union attack

Tony Blair is to launch a fresh assault to curb the power of the unions in the Labour Party by cutting their block vote at the annual conference from 70 per cent to 50 per cent..... **Page 1**

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An inquest jury was told that two Oxford University army officer cadets were killed on a training exercise when their Land Rover rolled over and burst into flames on Salisbury Plain..... **Page 8**

No holiday bliss

It was the perfect Bank Holiday that never was. As temperatures exceeded 20C (68F) and the sun shone, many cursed whoever postponed the May Day break for a week..... **Pages 1, 6**

Space pioneer

The US soldiers who captured a German scientist on May 2, 1945, had no inkling that Wernher von Braun would become the key figure behind the US mission to the moon..... **Page 13**

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Britain has come under strong pressure to join the American embargo on trade and investment with Iran but has refused to do so..... **Page 14**

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A man who died with his wife in a boating accident could have saved himself by letting go of her body. The couple could not swim..... **Page 3**

Le Pen broadside

Jean-Marie Le Pen, the champion of the extreme right and bogeyman of French politics, condemned both presidential candidates as traitors and servants of foreign powers..... **Page 15**

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About 300 police and specially-trained climbers tried to evict 100 tree-top protesters who want to stop a road passing through a wood near Blackburn..... **Page 5**

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Clergy pay claim

Clergy should be paid £35,000 — nearly treble the current minimum — if their job security is taken away from them, their new union section says..... **Page 6**

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Thousands of Croatian troops, backed by tanks and artillery, have attacked separatist Serbs in the central region of the country..... **Pages 1, 17**

Bulb bug threatens daffodil harvest

■ Daffodils are under attack from an insect pest that uses the flower's bulbs to incubate and feed its grubs. Up to a quarter of the crop in the famous bulb-growing areas of Cornwall and the Scilly Isles have been attacked so far this year. Farmers fear their £30-million business may be finished in two or three years if the infestation is not controlled..... **Page 8**

ANDRE CAMARA



Stephanie Hirsch-Meiller, who has become the first woman master of Trinity Foot Beagle pack in Cambridge. Diary, page 20

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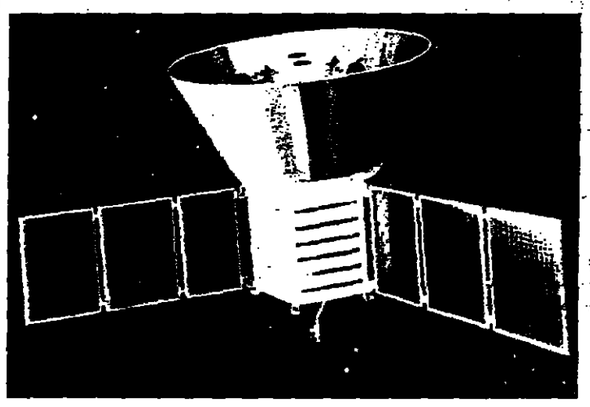
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The Internet makes it easier for deranged individuals to find one another. But Internet chat lists are public and leave countless electronic footprints

— The Washington Post

South Africa is much better off than could have been expected one year ago. However, the people cannot be expected to remain patient forever

— The Los Angeles Times

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The Taj Mahal, Kipling's "Ivory Gate through which all good dreams come: ... the embodiment of all things pure," is now forlorn, yellowing and blotchy with grime..... **Page 21**

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BERNARD LEVIN

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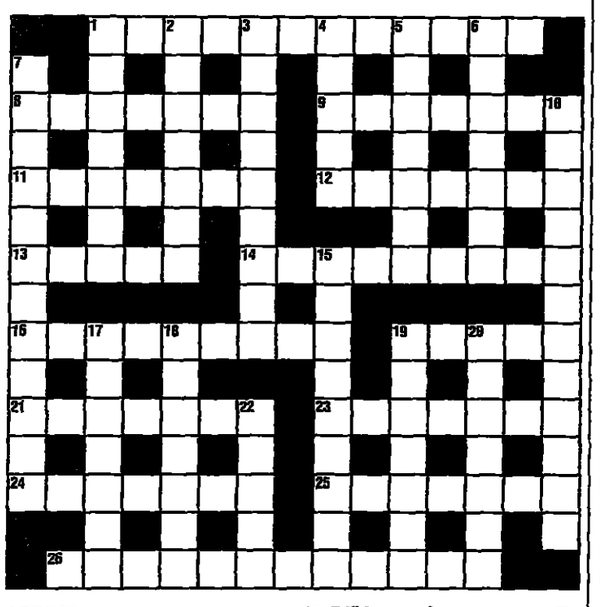
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Hawarden, Clwyd, 19C (66F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Stornoway (Hebrides), 0.16in; highest sunshine: Torquay, Devon, 10.1hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** much of England and Wales will start the day bright, though a few short-lived patches of mist and low cloud are likely. There should be some warm but hazy sunshine for the rest of the day, though the odd shower is possible in the northwest.

Northern Ireland and western parts of Scotland will be cloudier with a little rain in places. Eastern parts should stay dry and bright.

☐ **London, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, S Wales, Central N England, N E England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen:** early mist patches, then dry and bright. Wind southerly, moderate. Very warm. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **S E England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, Channel Isles, S W England:** patchy mist soon dispersing, then dry and fairly sunny. Wind southeasterly, light. Warm. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **N Wales, N W England, Lake District, Isle of Man, S W Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, N E Scotland:** a bright morning, cloudier later with the odd shower. Wind southerly, moderate. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Argyll, N W Scotland:** some rain in the morning, drier later. Wind southerly, fresh. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** a bright morning, rain later in the afternoon. Wind southerly, moderate. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **N Ireland:** morning rain, brighter late in the day. Wind southerly, moderate. Max 16C (61F).

☐ ***Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday:*** sunny and warm tomorrow. Rain in the northwest on Thursday.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	X				
Anglesey	3.2	0.01	13	55	s
Aspatria	5.9	0.01	17	63	s
Avemore	5.0	-	15	59	s
Belfast	3.2	0.01	17	63	b
Birmingham	3.6	-	17	63	b
Bognor R	0.3	-	13	55	c
Bournem'th	1.4	-	14	57	c
Bristol	2.5	0.01	17	63	s
Buxton	6.1	-	16	61	c
Cardiff	3.6	-	16	61	s
Clacton	4.8	-	12	54	b
Cleethorpes	6.6	-	14	57	s
Colwyn Bay	7.9	-	18	64	s
Cromer	7.7	-	11	52	c
Doncaster	5.0	-	17	63	b
Dunbar	X				
Eastbourne	5.7	-	13	55	b
Edinburgh	1.4	-	16	61	b
Eskdalemuir	0.1	0.03	13	55	b
Exmouth	8.6	-	13	55	c
Falmouth	X	-	14	57	b
Fishguard	8.8	-	14	57	s
Folkestone	6.3	0.09	13	55	s
Glasgow	1.0	0.04	15	59	b
Guernsey	3.3	-	14	57	b
Hastings	6.6	0.01	13	55	b
Heyling L	0.1	-	14	57	c
Hove	5.1	-	12	54	c
Hurnstanton	5.0	-	14	57	b
Ilfracombe	8.8	-	X	X	s
Isle of Man	X				
Jersey	3.0	-	14	57	c
Kinloss	6.3	0.02	17	63	b
Leeds	5.5	-	18	64	b
Lerwick	1.9	0.01	7	45	r
Leuchars	0.4	0.02	15	59	c
Littlehmptn	1.4	-	13	55	c
Liverpool	6.4	-	18	64	b
London	2.7	-	17	63	c
Lowestoft	10.0	-	10	50	b
Manchester	3.7	-	18	64	b
Margate	9.9	0.05	12	54	s
Minehead	X				
Morecambe	4.7	-	15	59	s
Newcastle	4.6	-	18	64	s
Newquay	6.6	0.01	14	57	s
Norwich	X				
Nottingham	X				
Penzance	0.3	-	13	55	d
Plymouth	0.4	-	11	52	c
Poole	1.4	-	17	63	c
Prestatyn	7.0	-	16	61	s
Ross-o-wye	3.5	-	18	64	s
Ryde	0.4	-	13	55	c
Salcombe	X				
Sandown	0.8	-	15	59	b
Staintn Snd	8.2	0.06	15	59	s
Scarboro'	2.6	-	13	55	s
Scilly Isles	4.1	-	13	55	b
Shanklin	4.4	-	15	59	s
Shrewsbury	X				
Skegness	5.5	-	17	62	c
Southend	X	-	12	54	b
Southport	6.3	-	17	63	b
Southsea	X	-	X	X	c
Stornoway	0.1	0.10	11	52	r
Swanage	1.6	-	14	57	c
Teignmouth	9.5	-	15	59	s
Tenby	0.4	-	12	54	c
Tiree	1.2	0.06	11	52	r
Torquay	10.1	-	15	59	s
Tynemouth	X	-	11	52	b
Ventnor	3.8	-	14	57	s
Weymouth	0.2	-	14	57	b

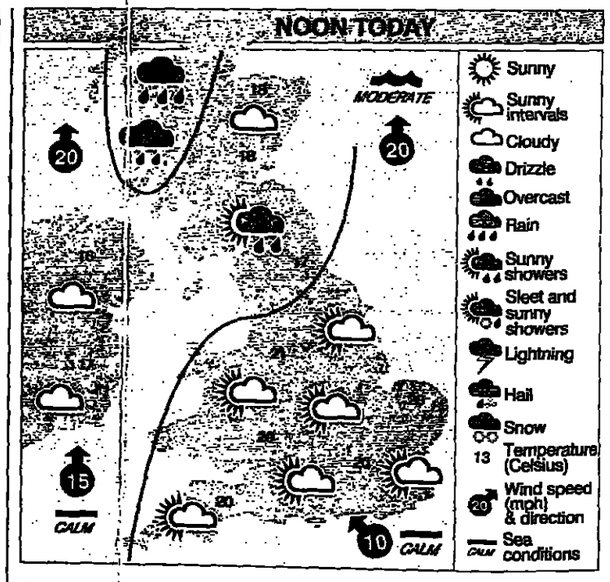
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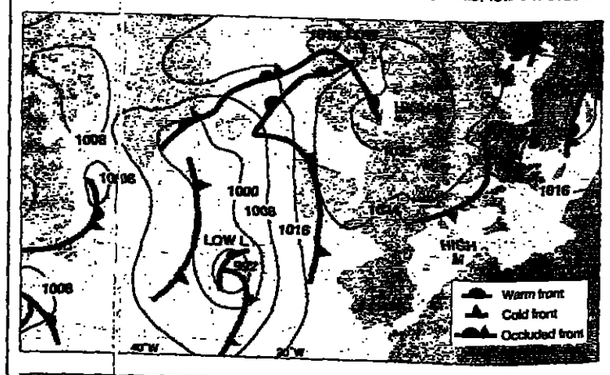
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Alex'dria	22	72	s	Dublin	13	55	t	Malta	19	66	t	S F'risco	18	61	c
Algiers	22	72	t	Dubrovnik	18	64	s	Malt'me	14	57	d	Santiago	16	61	t
Amst'dm	17	63	s	Faro	26	79	s	Miami	27	81	t	S Paulo	29	84	s
Athens	21	70	f	Florence	20	68	f	Milan	22	72	s	Seoul	26	79	c
Bahrain	31	88	s	Frankfurt	17	63	r	Montreal	10	50	s	Sing'por	27	81	t
Bangkok	35	95	f	Funchal	21	70	t	Moscow	5	41	c	St'kholm	7	45	f
Barbados	29	84	t	Geneva	16	61	s	Munich	15	59	f	Strasb'rg	16	61	c
Barcelona	19	66	s	Gibraltar	21	70	s	Nairobi	21	70	c	Sydney	23	73	r
Beirut	24	75	t	Helsinki	5	41	f	Naples	17	63	t	Tangier	22	81	s
Belgrade	23	73	s	Hong K	30	86	f	N Delhi	37	99	s	Tel Aviv	23	73	r
Berlin	16	61	f	Innsbrck	15	59	c	N York	11	52	r	Tenerife	25	77	s
Bermuda	23	73	c	Istanbul	18	64	s	Nice	19	66	s	Tokyo	16	61	r
Biarritz	23	73	s	Jeddah	37	99	s	Oslo	11	52	f	Toronto	10	50	f
Bordx	21	70	s	Jo'burg	14	57	f	Paris	16	61	c	Tunis	20	68	c
Brussels	15	59	s	Karachi	37	99	t	Peking	15	59	c	Valencia	21	70	s
Budapst	18	64	r	L Palmas	22	72	s	Perth	20	68	s	Vanc'ver	14	57	r
B Aires	22	72	t	La Tquet	14	57	f	Prague	10	50	c	Venice	22	72	f
Cairo	29	84	s	Lisbon	23	73	s	Reykjavik	7	45	r	Vienna	19	66	s
Cape Tn	21	70	f	Locarno	21	70	s	Rhodes	21	70	s	Warsaw	11	52	s
Chicago	8	46	c	L Angels	18	64	c	Rio de J	31	88	s	Washton	12	54	r
Ch'church	12	54	-	Luxembg	17	63	c	Rio de J	20	68	f	Wel'ngton	15	59	r
Cologne	17	63	f	Madrid	25	77	s	Riyadh	35	95	s	Zurich	17	63	t

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to chart below from noon. high H drifts S and declines; high M shows little change; low L should move N towards Iceland as it fills; low V moves E



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3:06	6.78	3.16	6.83	Leith	3.44	5.24	4.07	5.18
Aberdeen	2.35	3.97	2.57	3.98	Liverpool	0.19	8.91	0.38	8.92
Avonmouth	8.34	12.79	8.46	12.79	Lowestoft	10.42	2.38	11.05	2.31
Belfast	0.11	3.53	0.31	3.32	Margate	1.16	5.64	1.28	4.57
Cardiff	8.32	11.70	8.43	11.78	Milford Haven	7.34	6.51	7.45	6.52
Devonport	7.08	5.13	7.15	5.23	Newquay	6.23	6.50	6.40	6.51
Dover	0.11	6.44	0.32	6.38	Oban	6.59	3.75	7.06	3.80
Dublin	0.44	3.97	1.04	3.88	Penzance	5.58	5.06	6.16	5.11
Falmouth	6.28	4.82	6.48	5.01	Portland	8.01	1.89	8.15	1.92
Glasgow	2.02	4.75	2.27	4.42	Portsmouth	0.26	4.54	0.49	4.48
Harwich	1.01	3.86	1.16	3.84	Shoreham	0.24	5.96	0.47	5.89
Holyhead	11.41	5.13	11.55	5.26	Southampton	-.-	-	9.11	4.36
Ilfracombe	7.35	7.17	7.54	7.01	Swansea	7.44	9.07	7.55	9.05
King's Lynn	7.41	6.43	7.58	6.26	Tees	4.54	5.08	5.14	4.96
					Wlton-on-Nze	0.53	4.01	1.08	3.97

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HOURS OF DARKNESS



Sun rises: 5.32 am
Sun sets: 8.25 pm
Moon sets: 11.08 pm
Moon rises 7.12 am

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London 8.25 pm to 5.30 am
Bristol 8.34 pm to 5.40 am
Edinburgh 8.53 pm to 5.26 am
Manchester 8.40 pm to 5.31 am
Penzance 8.42 pm to 5.56 am

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TUESDAY MAY 2 1995

Dutch axe 21 top staff at Barings

BY ROBERT MILLER

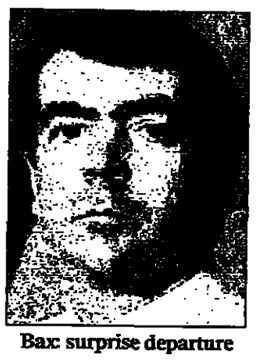
THE Dutch bank that bought Barings for £1 and footed a bill for losses incurred in derivatives trading in Singapore and Japan estimated at £860 million, yesterday announced the resignations of 21 of its most senior staff. The Barings employees were given the choice of resigning with three months' notice or facing instant dismissal.

When Internationale Nederlanden Groep (ING) bought Barings after it collapsed in late February, the Dutch group had hoped that an investigation by the Board of Banking Supervision would report swiftly and identify where the fault lay. However, the report, now due to be completed later this month or early next month, will not identify any individuals, and no senior Barings official will be named.

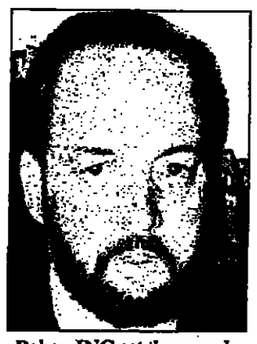
A spokesperson for ING said last night: "This is not a judgmental call, but rather a function of identifying those people who were most closely related to derivatives trading in Singapore, whether they were active dealers or involved in the back office administration."

Among the departures yesterday were ten staff from London, including Ron Baker, the head of the financial products group, who joined Barings from Bankers Trust on a four-year contract in 1992, and Mary Walz, the global head of equity derivatives.

Nick Leeson, the derivatives trader blamed for the collapse of the 233-year-old merchant bank and who is currently being held in a Frankfurt prison awaiting extradition proceedings initiated by the Singapore authorities, reported direct to Barings in London.



Bax: surprise departure



Baker: ING set the agenda

Many observers expressed surprise that the three staff who resigned from Barings's Singapore office included James Bax, the regional manager, South East Asia. The other two were Simon Jones, regional operations manager, and Rachel Yong, the financial controller. Mr Bax has been singled out as one of the few senior Barings personnel to put in writing his concern that there were too few checks and balances in the Singapore operations. This was in March 1992, months before Mr Leeson was transferred there.

Now it has emerged that Mr Bax, as well as losing his job, has been told to stay in Singapore to assist the authorities there with their own enquiry into the Barings collapse, the results of which are expected to be announced at the same time as the Bank of England's inquiry.

Mr Baker, speaking in London yesterday, said: "It was a sad day for all 21 people involved. Many were long-serving and it's not a situation anyone enjoys.

"ING were in a position where they decided who they wanted to be part of their future organisation. Whether those who resigned actually resigned is neither here nor there. ING set the agenda.

"ING made decisions about the future of the organisation and the people they wanted to be involved in it — that's their right.

"I am involved in two or three different inquiries and I am confident that those inquiries will vindicate my position. There is no suggestion I did anything untoward and people have been at pains to say that wasn't the case.

"I agreed to leave, but I have three months of my employment contract to run and I am still employed until the end of July, so I am still bound by all the obligations of confidentiality and will remain so until I finish."

Commenting on whether Nick Leeson was to blame for the bank's collapse or whether he had been made a scapegoat, Mr Baker said: "I have no knowledge of the Nick Leeson affair. I only have very limited knowledge of Nick Leeson. I have no comment on the lost money. I don't think today's resignations had anything to do with Nick Leeson."

☐ Nick Leeson is "terrified" that he may have to go back to Singapore to stand trial, his father said last night. The 28-year-old is expected to fight extradition from Frankfurt to face charges of forgery and cheating. He could face seven years in jail on each of 12 charges if found guilty.



Personal service: David Sainsbury fuels a London taxi with Green Diesel

Hanson to merge brick makers

BY NEIL BENNETT

HANSON, the aggregates, chemicals and energy conglomerate, is planning a merger of its brick interests this autumn to create Britain's largest brick manufacturer with a market share of more than 30 per cent.

The move will bring London Brick in Bedfordshire and Butterley Brick in the North East of England into one company, Hanson Brick. This will be the first time in the company's history that it has used its name on any of its products.

The group also hopes to open talks with other brick makers over asset swaps that would give the company full national coverage. At present, Hanson is still weak in the west of England in spite of its powerful market share.

Hanson has decided to press ahead with the merger to reflect the nature of the market, which is becoming increasing national, with leading retailers and builders merchants, such as Wickes and Harcros, being the group's main customers.

The merger is also expected to create substantial administrative savings since the sales and marketing arms of the two companies are expected to be merged. The group is expected to announce details in September.

Hanson is closely watching attempts by Ibstock to take over Tarmac's brick business. It hopes that any deal will give both companies the opportunity to swap plants to improve their national distribution.

The merger is part of an initiative by Derek Bonham, Hanson's chief executive, to expand the group's main businesses and ensure that they address their markets correctly. This follows the disposal of many of Hanson's smaller, non-core businesses in the past two years.

Hanson has also expanded into Malaysia for the first time in a drive to develop in the fast-growing Asia-Pacific markets. Crabtree, the group's electrical accessories subsidiary, has built a £2.5 million factory in Malacca to make circuit-breakers, wiring accessories and power-cord sets for the local market.

The plant is the group's fourth venture in South East Asia since it established Hanson Pacific in Hong Kong last year. Smiths Meters has plants in China and India and Imperial Tobacco has agreed to a venture in China. Crabtree's 40,000 sq ft plant is its first outside Britain. It employs 90 Malaysians.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET PRICES

FT-SE 100	3220.4	(+3.7)
Yield	4.24%	
FT-SE A All share	1588.26	(+1.59)
Nikkei	16811.46	(+4.71)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4309.17	(-12.10)*
S&P Composite	514.14	(-0.57)*

US RATES

Federal Funds	6¼%*	(6⅛%)
Long Bond	103²⁄₃₂*	(103⁴⁄₃₂)
Yield	7.35%*	(7.34%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	7%	(6¹⁵⁄₁₆%)
Life long gilt future (Jun)	103¹⁄₃₂	(103¹⁄₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6185*	(1.6125)
London:		
$	1.6181	(1.6085)
DM	2.2484	(2.2316)
FFr	8.0090	(7.9170)
SFr	1.8538	(1.8425)
Yen	135.11	(135.16)
£ Index	85.1	(84.6)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.3900*	(1.3870)
FFr	4.9500*	(4.9250)
SFr	1.1455*	(1.1440)
Yen	83.53*	(84.25)
$ Index	87.7	(87.8)

Tokyo close Yen 84.05

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jul)	$18.80 ($18.55)

GOLD

London close	$387.35 ($388.55)

* denotes midday trading price

Oil price surges on Iran ban

OIL prices in London surged to their highest level since March 1993 after the United States announced a ban on all investment and trade links with Iran. The price of Brent crude North Sea oil rose to $19.35 dollars a barrel, a jump of almost 30 cents on the Friday close of $19.07.

Chris Gredudniewicz, a Smith New Court analyst, said that the market was reacting to a resurgence of tension in the Gulf. Prices were sensitive to statements from a commander of Iran's Revolutionary Guards that "a military confrontation with the United States is inevitable," and that Iranians should be "prepared for combat".

In announcing the embargo, President Clinton accused Tehran of backing terrorism and attempting to develop nuclear weapons. The move will halt US exports to Iran, estimated at £326 million last year. Iran produces about 3.5 million bpd.

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Sainsbury launches green diesel

SAINSBURY is launching a "City Diesel", imported from Scandinavia, which it is claimed will cut the sooty exhaust particles linked with cancer, heart attacks and breathing difficulties by more than a third (Nick Nuttall writes).

The diesel contains little or no sulphur and produces 28 per cent less smoke. The supermarket chain is subsidising the fuel so that it retails for only 2p a litre more than conventional diesel at between 50.9p and 52.9p a litre. It will initially be on sale at 11 stores, mainly in the London area.

The launch comes less than two months after Tesco launched low-benzene unleaded to counter a cancer threat.

BA wins contract to fly mail for Germany

BY OLIVER AUGUST

BRITISH Airways' subsidiary Deutsche BA, has won a contract to fly German mail, breaking a long-running Lufthansa monopoly.

Steven Davis, operations officer, said: "This is a first step into the market and it is certainly a good money-spinner. If things go well we might pick up some more flights."

Mail will be transported from Munich to Leipzig and back every night. By using seat containers, Deutsche BA flights will carry 11 tons of mail, compared with Lufthansa's eight tons. The containers will be placed over a triple seat and fixed to the cabin floor.

Some 430 tons of mail are transported by plane in Germany every night. A spokesman for the German Post Office, which is making plans to deregulate, said: "We are trying to increase competition".

But in spite of the new contracts for Deutsche BA and Eurowings, a local carrier, Lufthansa will still transport 90 per cent of the mail.

The German Post Office and Lufthansa have extended existing contracts for another two years. From 1997, all domestic airlines will be able to compete for the lucrative contracts. Airlines are particularly keen on mail flights at night because their planes would otherwise be idle. The only additional costs are for fuel and pilots.

Price rises hint at rate increase

BY JANET BUSH AND PHILIP BASSETT

THE City yesterday became further convinced that the Chancellor will agree to raise rates following Friday's monetary meeting, after the latest Purchasing Managers' Index suggested a sharp rise in industry's prices.

The inflationary pressures came largely from the weakness of sterling, according to the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply.

Speaking in Washington last week, Kenneth Clarke said that he would not raise rates purely because of sterling, but that monetary policy would be set with the aim of hitting the Government's inflation target.

Many in the City believe that, because the pound has boosted raw materials prices paid by industry, the inflation target is at greater risk of being missed. Others, however, believe that manufacturers will not be able to pass on higher costs to consumers because domestic demand is markedly weakening and they do not believe that a rate rise is justified.

In spite of such mixed opinion, however, there is an extraordinary consensus in the financial markets that a rate rise is coming and is right. Many dealers predicted a flood of money out of sterling if the Chancellor stays his hand.

The purchasing managers' report also showed that the rate of expansion in manufacturing had risen slightly in April, suggesting some revival after a weak first quarter.

Also published yesterday was the M0 narrow money measure, which increased by a seasonally adjusted 0.4 per cent in April, weaker than expected and pushing its annual growth rate down to 6.2 per cent from 7 per cent in March. However, the City did not pay much attention to this figure.

☐ Confidence among smaller firms is falling sharply, although export confidence and orders are rising markedly, according to new evidence today from the Confederation of British Industry. Small firms' new orders are also down, and set to fall further over the next four months.

Unilever cuts the mustard from Colman's



Colman's: 183-year history

BY SARAH BAGNALL

RECKITT & COLMAN has ended 183 years of mustard-making with the sale of Colman's, the Norwich condiment and soft drinks business, to Unilever for £250 million in cash.

Separately, Unilever has agreed to sell on the Robinsons soft drinks business for £103 million in cash to Britannia Soft Drinks, a company controlled by Bass, the brewing and Holiday Inns group. Both companies have given assurances that production will continue at the Norwich site for the "foreseeable future". Colman's employs 660 people.

The deals have been struck eight months after Reckitt & Colman flagged the sale of its UK food and drinks businesses in order to pursue its ambitions of becoming a world leader in household products.

Last September, it paid £1 billion for L&F, Eastman Kodak's household products division, which owns brands such as Lysol spray disinfectant and Love My Carpet rug and room deodorisers. The brands joined Reckitt & Colman's long list of household names, such as Haze and Airwick air fresheners, Harpic lavatory cleaner, Dettol antiseptic and Lemsip cold remedy.

The group said the sale, which will reduce borrowings to £600 million, would be followed by further disposals of brands, which in total would raise about £400 million.

Colman's of Norwich made operating profits of £24 million on sales of £153 million in the year to December 31. The businesses acquired and retained by Unilever accounted for about £60 million of sales, with the balance of £95 million generated by Robinsons soft drinks.

Unilever, which makes Oxo, Flora and Ragu pasta sauce, is acquiring a range of brands, including all the Colman's dry sauces and mustards, Jif citrus juices and OK sauces.

The purchase of Robinsons Barley Water by Britannia Soft Drinks expands Bass's presence in the soft-drinks sector, where its interests include a 42.5 per cent holding in the Britvic consortium. Robinsons Barley Water is the official players' drink at Wimbledon and Britain's 11th-largest grocery brand.

Bass is also believed to be among a number of companies interested in Lucozade and Ribena, the soft-drinks brands that SmithKline Beecham, the pharmaceutical company, is said to be willing to part with.

Reckitt shares fell 1p to 640p, while Unilever shares fell 8p to £12.19 and Bass remained unchanged at 549p.

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New head of WTO acts over car issue

By Colin Narbrough

RENATO RUGGIERO wasted no time on his first day as Director-General of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) yesterday, issuing a call to Washington and Tokyo to settle forthwith a bitter dispute over car imports to Japan.

Signor Ruggiero, 64, a former Italian trade minister, took over at the head of the new international free-trade watchdog from Peter Sutherland, its first director-general, who had to take the job in January when the US and the European Union failed to agree on a permanent appointment.

America's acceptance of a tougher policing role for the WTO than that of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, its forerunner, was hailed as a sign that the US was ready to end its use of unilateral trade sanctions.

Mickey Kantor, the US Trade Representative, is due to discuss car imports with his Japanese counterpart in Canada, tomorrow. The US Administration has threatened to impose immediate sanctions against Japan.

Signor Ruggiero, who last week visited Japan, said he would prefer that America and the Japanese find a solution before the conflict came to the WTO. Japanese officials say that they will take the issue to the WTO if America applies sanctions.

A priority for Signor Ruggiero is to address questions of the WTO budget and the pay of its 400 staff. He also aims to complete negotiations for liberalised trade in financial services by the end of June.

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Abbey and N&P chiefs meet to discuss bid

By Robert Miller

PETER BIRCH and Alastair Lyons, the chief executives of the Abbey National and National & Provincial Building Society, held their much publicised meeting to discuss the Abbey's bid for N&P at a central London hotel yesterday. The meeting, described by both sides as "amicable", lasted just over an hour.

The Abbey, which is understood to have put a value of about £1.1 billion on the N&P, said that it had outlined to the society its initial thinking on a possible merger between the two organisations.

Analysts estimate that, on the Abbey's valuation, some 1.7 million qualifying members of N&P would receive a bonus, probably in the form of free shares, worth £650 each.

The Abbey, which converted from building society to bank in 1989, continued: "N&P will provide an information pack to Abbey National some time this week. Abbey National welcomes the opportunity to use this in order to firm up a proposal to N&P during the month of May."

For its part, N&P was more reticent on the timing of any formal bid from the Abbey. The society, the UK's ninth largest, said: "No formal proposal was tabled, although Mr Birch indicated that Abbey National would wish to make such a proposal in due course."

N&P continued: "Alastair Lyons made it clear to Mr Birch that N&P retained an open mind about the society's future strategic direction and that the Board's guiding principle was to act in the best interests of N&P's members." Privately, N&P insists that it will not be bounced into accepting the Abbey's bid automatically and that several other options are under active consideration.

The Abbey's current £1.1 billion valuation of N&P includes a substantial premium over net assets of £732 million. Any of the other options said to be under consideration by the N&P will have to be at least as generous.

On the back of takeover speculation, N&P last week closed its savings accounts to new customers who were tempted by the potential free share offer from Abbey National.

Instead, the society will launch a range of deposit accounts by the end of this week that are intended to mirror the same terms of those offered by the previous N&P savings accounts.

Mr Lyons said: "The bottom line is that any bid, whether from the Abbey or elsewhere, must lead to greater value for N&P's members than the current organisation on its own."

Abbey National stated: "Of course, no firm offer would be put at this stage but we did talk in quite some detail about specifics. Once the N&P has sent us more detailed financial information, which we hope to have by the end of the week, we will firm up our offer."

Abbey's intention to make an offer surfaced a week ago after it made a brief statement to the Stock Exchange following a spate of speculation that a merger was imminent. Abbey has long harboured ambitions to take over the National & Provincial and first made an approach to the Bradford-based society in 1989.



Mark Vaughan-Lee, chairman, reported UK revenues of more than £43 million

Continent targeted by Danka

By Carl Mortished

DANKA Business Systems, the office equipment distributor that was beaten to the post last month in a bidding war for Southern Business Group, a rival, is eyeing up acquisition candidates on the Continent.

Mark Vaughan-Lee, the chairman, is keen to build a foothold in Germany, The Netherlands, or Belgium. He said: "I expect in six to nine months we will own a business on the Continent."

Acquisitions contributed most of Danka's growth in the year to March 31, when profits surged from £32 million to £45.4 million. Sales were up 49 per cent to £515 million, including £64 million from more than 40 companies acquired last year. Organic growth from existing branches brought in £42 million, with the balance from companies acquired in the previous year. Mr Vaughan-Lee said that Danka's UK revenues were more than £43 million.

Danka spent more than £80 million on new businesses and the purchase of equipment for rental last year, leading to a surge in the interest charge from £2.8 million to £5.5 million. The dividend is up 20 per cent at 0.9p.

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Granada acquires DVR

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

GRANADA Group has added a TV and video rental company to its electrical rental division. DVR, which rents equipment direct to the public rather than through a high-street outlet, is being bought for £22.6 million, with a maximum of another £10 million payable depending on the acquisition's performance over the next 12 months.

Granada is also taking on borrowings of £22 million. The vendors are the management and the funds are handled by ECI Ventures and Grosvenor Venture Managers.

DVR, a management buy-out, was to have come to the stock market by a flotation, but the vendors have opted for a trade sale because of market conditions. In the year to February 28, the company earned profit before interest of £3.9 million, up 34 per cent over the previous year, and pre-tax profits of £1.8 million, a 48 per cent improvement.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

AAH set to lose fight for independence

AAH, the drugs wholesaler, is today set to lose its fight for independence as leading institutional shareholders are expected to accept a £400 million offer from Gehe, the German pharmaceutical distributor. The 445p a share offer closes today at 3pm. The success of Gehe's offer rests in the hands of Phillips and Drew Fund Management, the fund manager, which holds 17 per cent, and Schroders, which holds 8 per cent.

After a decision last week by Threadneedle to sell part of its 5 per cent holding, Gehe already has acceptances representing 29.9 per cent of AAH's equity. Last month, Gehe lifted its offer from 420p to 445p a share, but AAH's management argue that this undervalues the group. AAH says that the benefits of a radical restructuring programme are still to feed through and AAH's shareholders will not benefit from this as Gehe's offer is in cash not shares. AAH identified £14 million of costs that were to be stripped out of the business over two years.

Southern seeks change

SOUTHERN ELECTRIC is following the example of several other regional electricity companies in asking its shareholders at this year's annual meeting in July to lift the restriction on shareholders from holding or controlling more than 15 per cent of the company's shares. The company said that keeping the restriction, introduced at the time of privatisation five years ago to remain in force until the year 2000 unless removed earlier by special resolution, for another five years would impose an unnecessary constraint on shareholders.

Mobil cuts 4,700 jobs

MOBIL, the US oil company, is to cut 4,700 jobs from its worldwide workforce of 51,000, incurring a $300 million restructuring charge against second-quarter earnings. Lucio Noto, chairman, said: "We are in a fiercely competitive business environment and changes in the way we run our business are essential to our future." The restructuring is expected to be completed over the next year. Mobil's first-quarter profits of $636 million represented a 19 per cent increase from the same period a year earlier.

MDIS director quits

MCDONNELL Information Systems Group (MDIS), the computer services company that has suffered two profit warnings and a slump in full-year profits since it was floated last year, has announced the resignation of Doug Thomson, the director responsible for International Business Units. A spokesman for MDIS would not comment before the company's annual meeting today. Last month, Giles Hemming became director of operations at MDIS. Mr Thomson was on a one-year contract and is entitled to £80,850.

Dawson sells loss maker

DAWSON International, the Pringle knitwear group, has confirmed the sale of its loss-making Dawson Home Fashions subsidiary in the US for between $40 million and $45 million. The shower curtain and bathroom accessories business is being sold to Spring Industries. The sale will result in a net exceptional loss of up to $15 million, to be taken in the results for the year to April 1 1995. The subsidiary made an operating loss of $5.4 million in the year to March 26, 1994, and has net assets of about $50 million.

DTI urges software firms to consolidate

By Eric Reguly

BRITISH computer companies should move quickly to consolidate their position as world-leading developers of telecommunications software before rivals in other countries, notably Germany and France, beat them to it, according to a report by the Department of Trade and Industry.

The report, *Telecoms Software, An Opportunity for the UK*, says the rapid expansion of the telecoms industry in the wake of BT's privatisation in 1984 has created hundreds of specialist companies whose products have found success in areas ranging from mobile-phone billing systems to talking-directory software.

But John O'Sullivan, the report's author and an independent telecoms and information technology consultant, said the British industry, worth about £1.2 billion a year and employing about 17,000, had several major weaknesses to overcome.

Chief among them is lack of big-name competitors. BT, with 7,000 employees devoted to telecoms software development, is by far the largest. Mr O'Sullivan said: "The industry is very fragmented. There are a large number of very small companies."

The DTI thinks the smaller companies should consider merging with each other or with larger players. "Foreign buyers are reluctant to deal with small companies and you've got to be big enough to fund second and third generations of software," Mr O'Sullivan said. Some mergers have already taken place.

Gyngell new head of Yorkshire-Tyne Tees

By Martin Waller

BRUCE GYNGELL, who rescued TV-am with some help from Roland Rat before returning to his native Australia, is to re-emerge on the British TV scene as the managing director of Yorkshire-Tyne Tees.

He will also be chief executive of Yorkshire TV, one of the two independent broadcasters owned by the group, and is being seen as its chief executive in waiting, once Ward Thomas, currently chairman and chief executive, wants to lessen his responsibilities.

Mr Gyngell earlier this year resigned from executive duties at Nine Network, Kerry Packer's Australian TV station, after a power struggle and is known to want to return to Britain for family reasons.

His appointment to Yorkshire TV fills a hole left by the departure of his predecessor, John Fairley, last month. Yorkshire-Tyne Tees recently pulled out of one of the consortiums bidding to operate Channel 5, whose bids are due in today.

Mr Gyngell, one of the most colourful characters in television, brought a distinctive management style — and financial success — to TV-am, the morning broadcaster, when he arrived there in 1984.

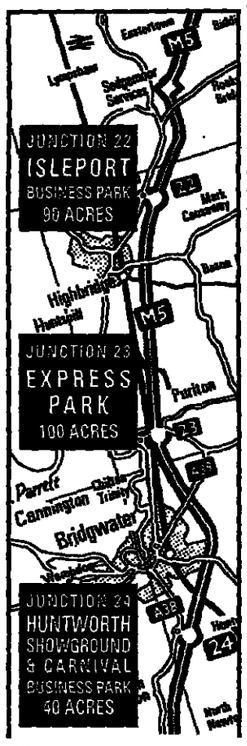


Gyngell: colourful

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.31	2.14
Austria Sch	16.80	15.30
Belgium Fr	49.13	44.89
Canada $	2.290	2.130
Cyprus Cypf	0.754	0.689
Denmark Kr	9.43	8.63
Finland Mkk	7.49	6.84
France Fr	8.40	7.75
Germany Dm	2.40	2.19
Greece Dr	383.00	358.00
Hong Kong $	13.10	12.10
Ireland Pt	1.04	0.96
Israel	5.2855	4.8355
Italy Lira	2795.00	2640.00
Japan Yen	149.50	133.50
Malta	0.601	0.548
Netherlds Gld	2.668	2.438
Norway Kr	10.67	9.87
Portugal Esc	248.00	230.50
S Africa Rd	rel.	5.41
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Switzerland Fr	1.99	1.81
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NOTICE OF MEETING

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(1) To receive the Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December 1994 and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.

(2) To re-elect as Directors of the Office the following Directors, who retire by rotation:
Peter Silvester — Sir Anthony Touche
The Hon. Richard Stanley

(3) To elect the following Directors who have been appointed since the last Annual General Meeting:
Tony Barnes — Klaus Bonde Larsen
Brian Sweetland

(4) To re-appoint Price Waterhouse as the auditors to the Office and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.

By Order of the Directors,
B.W. Sweetland
Secretary.
2nd May 1995

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NOTES

(a) A Member is entitled to appoint another person (who need not be a Member) to attend the above meeting and vote instead of him.

(b) To be valid the instrument appointing a proxy, which should be as near to the form set out in rule 30 of the Rules of the Office as circumstances admit, and the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority, must be deposited at Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1QA, not less than forty-eight hours before the time fixed for holding the meeting, or adjourned meeting, or, in the case of a poll, not less than twenty-four hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll.

(c) Proxy forms may be obtained on application to the Secretary.

(d) Members intending to attend and vote personally at the meeting should be prepared to quote their policy numbers.

(e) Only Members are entitled to vote. Certain policyholders are not Members. If a policy holder who is not also a Member completes and returns a form of proxy, it will not be counted.

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(g) Members are entitled, on application to the Secretary, to receive a copy of the Report and Accounts.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION

Code of Practice on Pay

The Equal Opportunities Commission has published a draft Code of Practice on pay in accordance with s56(a) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (as amended).

Copies of the draft Code may be obtained from the Publications Unit, the EOC, Overseas House, Quay Street, Manchester M3 3HN.

Any representations about the draft should be submitted to the Equal Opportunities Commission by the 6th day of October 1995

LEGAL NOTICES

EXPEDITE GROUP LIMITED (In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation) The Insolvency Act 1986 In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that I, K P Barry, FCA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 853, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 26th April 1995. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address. All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their claims in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given. Dated this 26th April 1995 K P BARRY, FCA. Liquidator

INTER GARDEN PROMOTIONS LIMITED
Notice is hereby given in accordance with section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 that:
By Written Resolution of the Member of the Company dated 27 April 1995 pursuant to section 381A of the Companies Act 1985 a Special Resolution ("the Resolution") was duly passed approving a payment out of the Company's capital (pursuant to section 171 of the Companies Act 1985) in respect of the purchase by the Company from The Federation of Garden & Leisure Manufacturers Limited and Leisure and Outdoor Furniture Association Limited of an aggregate of 1,250,000 Preference Shares of £1 each under section 162 of the Companies Act 1985.
The amount of the permissible capital payment as defined by sections 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985 is £1,249,416.
The Statutory Declaration and Auditors' Report required by section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 both of which are dated 27 April 1995 are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at 1 Lincoln Court, Lincoln Road, Peterborough, PE1 2RF.
Any Member of the Company may apply to the High Court under section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 at any time within the period of five weeks immediately following the date of the Resolution for an order prohibiting the payment.
Taylor Jamison Garrett, Solicitors for Inter Garden Promotions Limited
28 April 1995

ING Worldwide Limited (IN LIQUIDATION)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the provisions of Rule 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that a first and final dividend will be paid within a period of four months from the last date of proving. The last date for creditors to prove claims in this liquidation is 1 June 1995. Creditors of the above named Company should send their addresses, particulars and full particulars of their debt or claims to S.D. Swaden, FCA Leonard Curtis & Co PO Box 853, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF. Under Rule 11.2(2) a Liquidator is not obliged to deal with claims lodged after the date of proving. DATED THIS 21st DAY OF APRIL 1995
S.D. SWADEN, Liquidator

To the Clerk to the Licensing Justices for the Licensing District of Chesham.
To the Chief Officer of Police (1) for the Police Area of the said District: To (2) The Proper Officer of Hertsmere District Council To (3) The Fire Authority Hertfordshire County Council and to all whom it may concern.
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Dated the 25th day of April, 1995.
(Signed) Barrett Alexander Chart Solicitors and (Authorised Agents on behalf of the) Applicant, of 124 Glenthorne Road London W6 0LP

Sharps Omitex Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, on 9th May 1995 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq. A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co PO Box 853, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors. DATED THIS 27th April 1995 S. Riddle - Director

RULE 4.106 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
MORGAN DATA SYSTEMS LIMITED IN LIQUIDATION
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, David John Mason of Morley Thornton & Co., Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 1HD, was appointed to act as Liquidator of Morgan Data Systems Limited by a resolution of the meetings of the company's members and creditors held on 26th April 1995. DATED this 26 day of April 1995
D.J MASON - LIQUIDATOR

"The Annual General Meeting of the Royal Over-Seas will be held at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 9th May at Over-Seas House, St James's Street, London SW1."

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Exeter Friendly Society Ltd will be held at 2.00 p.m. on Monday 22 May 1995 at the Society's offices, Beech Hill House, Walnut Gardens, Exeter EX4 4DG, to transact the following business:-
1. To receive the Annual Accounts for the financial year to 31st December 1994 and the Report of the Committee of Management.
2. To read the Auditors' Report.
3. To declare that, there being no other nominations, Messrs Beer Alfit be reappointed auditors to the Society.
4. To declare that, there being no other nominations, the retiring members of the Committee of Management are duly re-appointed. They are Mr P D Egan, Mr A W M Miller and Mr C W Moore.
No agenda items require a vote therefore there is no need for proxy voting.
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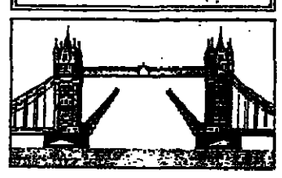
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☐ Reckitt offloads its domestic baggage ☐ Uninspired salvo from Mr Brown ☐ Caught between two privatisations

Doing the brand name shuffle

PENNINGTON



☐THE standard joke about Colman's mustard is that Mr Colman's profit is in the mustard left on the side of the plate. Sadly, Reckitt & Colman has lost interest in selling the mustard that congeals in the nation's dining rooms and the Colman's of Norwich company is to be sold to Unilever.

This is only part of a wider story about companies that own brands and British companies that want to make it in the wider world. Reckitt wants to be a world player owning world brands. That means American brands rather than a presence in every roadside cafe in Britain. Building a world brand from scratch is not impossible but companies faced with sluggish sales in difficult markets prefer to solve the problem by shuffling their pack, removing some brands and picking others.

Last year, Kodak started this high risk game with the sale of its over-the-counter medicines business, Sterling Health, to SmithKline Beecham for $3 billion. It in turn sold on the Aspirin brand to Bayer, a product the Germans have coveted since it was lost after 1918.

In December, this game of international musical asset swaps continued with Reckitt's $784 million purchase of Kodak's household products which included important brands such as Lysol disinfectant and gems less familiar to British consumers, such as Love my Carpet, the rug deodoriser. Within four months, Reckitt has turned about and sold its UK food brands to Unilever for £250 million while the soap powder to ice cream group is passing on the drinks brands, including Robinsons Barley Water, to Bass for £103 million.

If world brands are so fashionable, investors may wonder why Unilever, no amateur in selling brands abroad, is keen to pay as much as £147 million for a few varieties of bottled sauce that generate sales of just £60 million, mainly in Britain.

The answer lies both in the business itself and Unilever's approach to it. Unilever sells ice cream worldwide but has no illusions about world dominance in food. Such products are difficult to export and Unilever, which has already invested a packet in developing Van den Bergh Foods, sees this as a play on trends in the British food market. Bottled sauces are growing at some 10 per cent a year and Unilever will also save on overheads, using its own sales force for both VDBF and Colman's products. But Colman's is already earning margins of 15 per cent or more and Unilever will have to work hard to make the deal pay at such a high price. The brands may acquire new owners but the consumer is still reluctant to pay more for them.

Labour's empty chest of ideas

☐THE most attractive industrial policy ideas current in Britain are probably those espoused by Michael Heseltine. But he has rarely been permitted by Cabinet colleagues to apply them. Where they have been put into practice, notably in energetic help now given to exporters by the DTI and British Overseas Trade Board, they have been refreshingly successful. Elsewhere, the coal and gas fiascos have said more about the reality than the president's rhetoric.

Gordon Brown's policy offerings do not provide, as yet, a coherent alternative that inspires. The Shadow Chancellor's heralded speech to the Labour Finance and Industry Group yesterday managed to combine a tedious anti-business tone with little substantive reform. This is strange, because parts of business traditionally hostile to Labour are ready to co-operate. There will almost be disappointment in the City, if not in the regulatory establishment, that Labour is pussy-footing over fully statutory regulation.

Instead, Mr Brown has taken consumer populism as his starting point. In the post-Clause Four Labour Party, this is the politically correct angle from which to attack big business. Mr Brown has adopted criticisms of the present competition laws espoused by Sir Bryan Carsberg, retiring Director General of Fair Trading. They are reasonable, but marginal. A better dialogue with industry should achieve more.

As the Shadow Chancellor himself insisted, however, his main target in this area remains the privatised utilities. This will not help consumers or help to establish a stable regime for great British companies to perform better for the country. These are early days for Labour policy, but on this showing business should worry lest the details contradict the intentions, as happened so damagingly during the early years of the first Wilson government.

Balance of embarrassments

☐ DIVISIVE Cabinet debate over whether to cash in a merged Nuclear Electric and Scottish Nuclear is producing bizarre side-effects. Enthusiasts are even floating the possibility of putting off the flotation of Railtrack as a *quid pro quo*. As yesterday's revelations in *The Times* show, this could have much appeal.

Ministers must wait to see if Paul Channon's Transport Select Committee backs a draft report projecting high rail subsidies. But it is plain that privatising Railtrack, and other components of the network with built-in profits, must raise on-going annual public spending. Cross-subsidies within old British Rail are being unwound. If profits go outside the public sector, then taxpayers fork out more subsidy to fund losses. Efficiency gains from reform, which might go straight to the bottom line, must make up for all the privatised profits before annual subsidies fall. If Railtrack stays in the public sector for a few years, without losing much efficiency, gross subsidies should fall faster. If the new system works, there might be genuine tax cuts rather than a one-off, funded by sales proceeds.

Sadly, there are few other arguments for rushing into privatisation of a newly-created nuclear power monopoly, save for the Tory sport of embarrassing Jack Cunningham, Labour's pro-nuclear shadow to Michael Heseltine. If the Trade and Industry Select Committee looked at the financial implications of privatising only the good, saleable, parts of Nuclear Electric, it would probably scare the public more than the transport committee. A frank interview with Andrew Likierman, head of the Government accountancy service, would probably not please the Chancellor for a start.

American deal puts ICI top of the world in paint

BY NEIL BENNETT

ICI is recapturing its position as the world's largest paint manufacturer with the $290 million acquisition of Grow Group, an American paint company with sales of $500 million a year.

The deal will increase the turnover of ICI's paints division to more than £2 billion a year and reinforce its position as the second-largest paints manufacturer in the $18 billion US market, behind Williams Holdings.

ICI yesterday announced that it has signed a merger agreement with Grow's board and is offering $18.10 a share for the company. The deal has been recommended by Grow's directors, and ICI is buying a 25 per cent stake from Corimon, a Venezuelan investment company, at $17.50 a share. ICI will finance the acquisition from borrowings.

ICI was the world's biggest paint maker until the merger of Akzo and Nobel Industries two years ago knocked it into second place. The Grow deal puts ICI back in the lead narrowly in volume terms.

Grow is a leading maker of architectural paints and of specialist coatings for ships and cars. The company also has a consumer products division, which sells carpet cleaners, detergents and aerosol paints. Grow owns 150 trade and retail outlets, which will complement ICI's chain of 450, bought as part of Glidden in 1986.

The company has its headquarters in New York, but its main operations are in Los Angeles, California, and Louisville, Kentucky. The marine coatings division has subsidiaries in Canada and The Netherlands. Grow last year bought Sinclair Paints, in Los Angeles, which is expected to lift the group's sales from $402 million to more than $500 million in the current year.

Alan Spall, ICI's finance director, said yesterday that the acquisition would complement ICI's store chain since Grow owns stores in the west and south-east of America where ICI is weak. ICI would continue to seek acquisitions to strengthen its presence in north-east America, he said.

Mr Spall hinted that ICI would complete the acquisition with the disposal of some of Grow's businesses. "It is possible we will dispose of some businesses," he said. "They will be bits that do not fit within the core business."

ICI is likely to keep the Grow name on its stores but ensure that the company has a growing association with ICI and Glidden, both well-known paint brands in the US.

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Nurdin names new chief

NURDIN & Peacock, the cash-and-carry operator, yesterday ended its seven-month search for a new chief executive with the appointment of David Sims (Sarah Bagnall writes).

Mr Sims, 46, joins at a critical time. Profits in 1994 halved to £16.5 million and in March N&P was forced to abandon its Cargo Club warehouse format after disappointing sales. In the same month SHV Makro, a Dutch wholesaler with 14 per cent of N&P's shares, suggested merging its non-food cash and carry operations with N&P in return for a 50 per cent stake. The board rejected the idea but analysts believe further talks are likely.

Mr Sims replaces David Poole, who resigned in October after a boardroom disagreement over management style. Mr Poole, 51, is taking legal action against N&P for breach of contract. N&P said the issue is unresolved.

Mr Sims joins from Northern Foods, where he had worked since 1987, after 18 years at Unigate.

C&W takes Israeli stake

CABLE & Wireless gained a foothold in the Middle East market yesterday, filling a gap in its international portfolio with the purchase of a 7 per cent stake in Bezeq, the Israeli telecommunications group, for £63 million (Eric Reguly writes).

C&W said it intends to become a significant minority shareholder in time. An opportunity may come when the Israeli Government, which owns 77 per cent of the company, decides to reduce its holdings.

Lord Young, C&W's chairman, said: "With the development of the peace accord in the Middle East, we anticipate significant growth in the demand for telecommunications in this region as it regains its historic position as the centre of international trade and commerce."

Bezeq, the dominant telecoms company in Israel, is listed on the Israeli stock exchange and had turnover of £1.2 billion and pre-tax profits of £100 million in 1994.

Peak profits send Sage soaring



Goldman: confident

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

SHARES in Sage Group jumped 87p to 915p as the accounting software supplier made a confident statement on prospects after a 71 per cent surge in first-half profits.

Acquisitions and buoyant performances from existing businesses helped pre-tax profits reach a record £11.7 million in the six months to March 31, compared with £6.9 million. Turnover nearly doubled, to £50.6 million (£25.4 million). More than half of group sales are now derived overseas.

Acquisitions made in the past year drove the profits advance, although organic growth lifted operating profits 45 per cent, like-for-like.

David Goldman, chairman, said that the UK had seen "tremendous growth", margins had improved and prospects looked good. He added: "This year is looking very solid. . .. Although a seasonal bias towards the first half is expected, we look forward to achieving a highly satisfactory outcome for the full year." The interim is raised to 4p (3.65p), from earnings of 37.3p (22.2p) a share.

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The Scottish Provident Institution

The 157th Annual General Meeting of members of the Scottish Provident Institution will be held on Tuesday, 30 May 1995 at 12 noon in the Head Office, 6 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh, to consider the Accounts and Balance Sheet and the Report of the Directors and Auditors, to elect Directors, to determine the remuneration of the Directors and to re-elect the Auditors.

Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from this address.

By order of the Board of Directors

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2 May 1995

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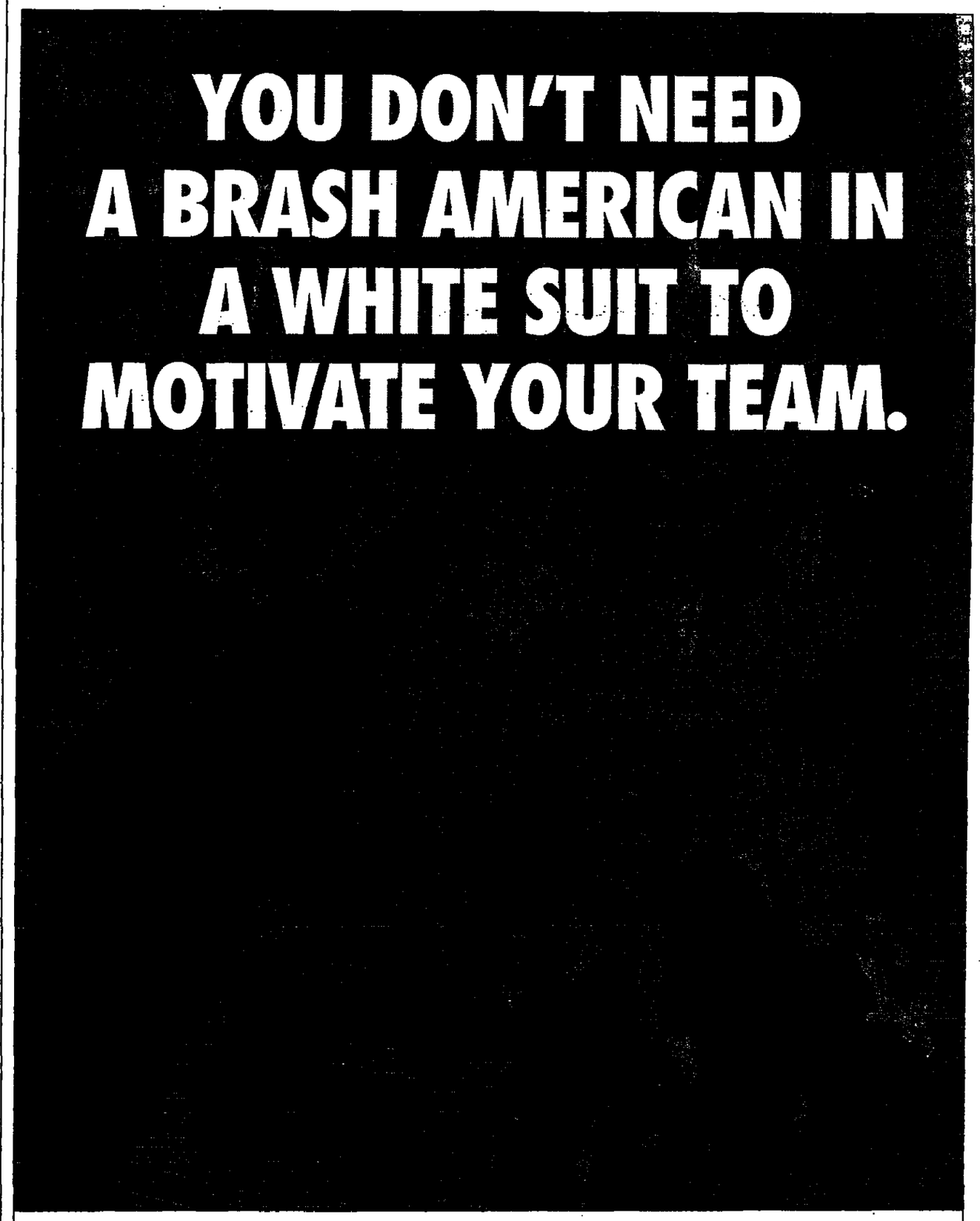
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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Fears of higher interest rates keep buyers away

FACED with the possibility of another half-point rise in interest rates this week, investors were in no mood to open fresh positions before the forthcoming bank holiday weekend.

Once again London was happy to dance to Wall Street's tune. Prices in the Square Mile made a cautious start, with many of Europe's financial markets closed for May Day. They soon began to gather momentum, reflecting partly the 51-point leap in the Dow Jones industrial average on Friday to a new record high. But with Wall Street opening lower in early trading yesterday, prices in London again came under pressure and closed below their best.

The FT-SE 100 index, up almost 12 points earlier, saw its rise reduced to 3.7 points at 3,220.4 by the close. Pressure for another rise in interest rates came with the purchasing managers' index, which revealed further inflationary pressures as prices rose to their highest levels since June 1991.

The reluctance of investors to chase the market higher was reflected in turnover that saw just 509 million shares change hands. The figure might have been even lower had it not been swollen by a late program trade.

Among leaders, **Glaxo Wellcome**, the world's biggest pharmaceutical company, made its bow. It was the culmination of a £9 billion bid by Glaxo earlier this year. The shares continue to trade separately for the time being, but only Glaxo is quoted among the top 100 companies.

There was selective support among the electricity distributors as bid speculation was revived by **Southern Electric**. It is looking to scrap the ruling preventing anyone from controlling more than 15 per cent of the shares. The rule effectively bars anyone from making a bid, and was intended to remain in place until the turn of the century. Southern closed 2p easier, but there were gains for **Northern**, 9p to 814p, **London**, 3p to 641p, and **Eastern**, 1p to 637p.

British Steel firmed 1½p to 170½p as brokers began upgrading their profit forecasts after the recent rise in steel prices.

Tate & Lyle firmed 3p to 437p before figures this week but **Kwik Save**, also reporting this week, dropped 18p to 571p.



N&P talked takeover with Abbey National yesterday

Abbey National finished 1p lighter at 464p after Peter Birch, the chief executive, met Alastair Lyons, his opposite number at the National & Provincial Building Society, to argue his case for a takeover. No formal proposals were forthcoming but Mr Birch made it clear that he would do so in due course. N&P is keeping an open mind about the society's future strategic direction.

Elsewhere on the takeover front **AAH** marked time at 435p, awaiting the outcome of the £400 million bid by Gehe, the German group. AAH has fervently rejected the increased terms from Gehe worth 445p a share, claiming that it undervalues the company. At the last count, Gehe held about 30 per cent of the shares and is expected to emerge victorious when the deadline for the bid expires at 1pm today. Hopes are high on the German side that Phillips & Drew Fund Management, AAH's biggest institutional shareholder with a 17 per cent stake, will throw its weight behind the offer.

Inchcape, a recent high flyer, added a further 10½p to 329½p. The group is selling its Inchcape Buying Services to Li & Fung, a Hong Kong trading company, for £40 million. The proceeds will be used to reduce borrowings. Sir David Plaistow, the chairman, said that product sourcing played such a small part in the overall business that it became increasingly difficult to justify Inchcape's continued involvement. Inchcape has come up from about 275p since March, bolstered by recommendations from brokers and speculation about a possible bid from Jardine Mattheson, the Hong Kong-based group.

Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch food and household products group, is paying Reckitt & Colman £250 million for Colman's of Norwich, the food and drinks business famous for its mustard. Last year Colman's made profits of £24 million on sales of £153 million.

At the same time, Unilever is selling on the Robinsons soft drinks business to Bass for £103 million.

Reckitt shares eased 1p to 640p, while **Bass** were unchanged at 549p.

Better than expected half year figures sent shares of **Sage Group** racing away, with a leap of 87p to 915p. The group saw pre-tax profits climb from £6.8 million to £11.7 million. It said the strong performance had continued into the second half. Brokers quickly increased their profit forecasts for the current year, with NatWest Securities raising its figure for the full year from £18.1 million to £21 million.

News of a boardroom shake-up lifted **Watts Blake and Bearne**, the clay products group, 3p to 488p. John Pike has been promoted from managing director to deputy chairman. He joins Graham Lawson who has been appointed chief executive.

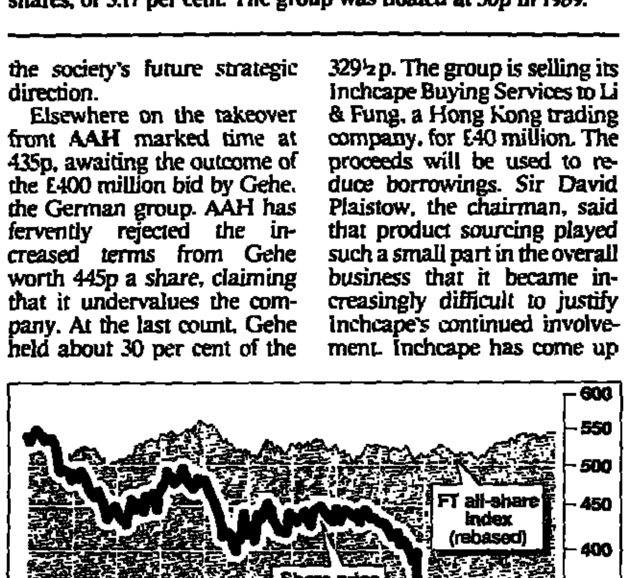
☐ **GILT EDGED:** With most European bond markets closed for the May Day bank holiday, prices opened lower and traded in narrow limits. Sentiment was dented by publication of the latest UK purchasing managers' index.

In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt future touched £103¼ before ending the session £1/16 easier at £103 9/16 in low volume which saw only 26,000 contracts completed.

Among conventional issues, prices closed mixed. Benchmark Treasury 8 per cent 2013 lost £⅛ to £96 17/32, while at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was 5/16 off at £98 17/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** The Dow Jones industrial average was down 12.10 points at midday to 4,309.17 as shares reacted to stronger-than-forecast March personal consumption data, which has reawakened fears about inflation.

Essex Furniture, the fast-growing retailer, stood out with a rise of 11p to 122p as it emerged that at least one institution had taken advantage of the recent weakness in the price to acquire a substantial holding. Eaglet Investment Trust has bought 600,000 shares, or 5.17 per cent. The group was floated at 50p in 1989.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	4309.17 (-12.10)
S&P Composite	514.14 (-0.57)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	16811.46 (+4.71)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	8226.04 (-134.99)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	420.42 (+3.53)
Sydney:	
AO	2039.6 (-10.6)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	Closed
Singapore:	
Straits	Closed
Brussels:	
General	Closed
Paris:	
CAC-40	Closed
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	Closed
London:	
FT 30	2449.2 (+0.5)
FT 100	3220.4 (+3.7)
FT-SE Mid 250	3529.3 (-0.9)
FT-SE-A 350	1599.7 (+1.3)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1317.41 (+5.70)
FT A All-Share	1580.26 (+1.59)
FT Non Financials	1707.71 (+2.36)
FT Fixed Interest	110.91 (-0.58)
FT Govt Secs	91.80 (-0.09)
Bargains	20765
SEAQ Volume	583.9m
USM (Datastrm)	150.68 (+0.51)
US$	1.6157 (+0.0060)
German Mark	2.2478 (+0.0237)
Exchange Index	85.1 (+0.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	n/a
£:SDR	1.0250
RPI	147.5 Mar (3.5%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Biocomp Intl (170)	171	...
Brit Aero Cap Uts p/p	728	-2
Coral Products (60)	63	...
Dumyat IT An Div	103	...
Dumyat IT Month Div	103	...
Edinburgh Japan Tst C	101	...
Fnsbry World Tst	100	...
For/Col Spec Uts (100)	100	...
General Cable (190)	176½	-½
Ivory/Sime Disc Uts	480	...
Natl Power (p/p) (476)	180	-1
Precoat Intl (125)	128	...
Rainford (270)	313	+7
Schroder Inc Gth	104	...
Schroder Inc Gth Wts	26	...
Scot Orient Sml (100)	100	...
Vision Group (97)	140	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Bolton Group n/p (23)	½	...
Roskel n/p (92)	11	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Ascot Hldgs	158p (+8p)
Andrews Sykes	165p (+7p)
Broken Hill	905p (+15p)
Essex Furn	122p (+11p)
Sothebys	825p (+12p)
JBA Hldgs	166p (+9p)
Sage Gp	915p (+87p)
Charter	805p (+9p)
Glynwed	329p (+12p)
Renishaw	335p (+10p)
Amersham	911p (+8p)
Scotia	423p (+8p)
Bowater	454p (+7p)
Inveresk	153p (+6p)
Boots	516p (+6p)
FALLS:	
Danka Bs Sys	385p (-35p)
Halma	203p (-6p)
Kwik Save	571p (-18p)
De La Rue	891p (-7p)
WH Smith	403p (-6p)

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TEMPUS

ICI finds way to Grow

SINCE demerger from Zeneca, ICI has seemed so wedded to organic growth that it comes as a shock to see it making a substantial acquisition. That said, it is hard to fault yesterday's offer for Grow Group. In spite of its acquisition of Glidden, nine years ago, the coverage of ICI's paint business in the US has always been patchy. The $18 billion market is largely vertically integrated, with manufacturers controlling their own trade and retail outlets. Grow's outlets in west and south-east America will give ICI a stronger nationwide presence.

It is a relief to see ICI finally using its powerful financial resources. Gearing was just 3 per cent at the end of the first quarter, making the group look decidedly underborrowed. Although the deal will add only 5 per cent to gearing, it is a start.

It is also a relief that if ICI wanted to do a deal, it chose the paints business, which has hardly begun to show the effects of economic recovery, instead of industrial chemicals, where the cycle is already well advanced. On 20 times earnings, Grow may not look a bargain, but it generates sales of $500 million. Margins should improve rapidly once demand strengthens and ICI can pass on rising raw material costs. Margins should also be enhanced by savings that ICI can generate by combining Grow's manufacturing and administration resources within its own.

There remains some tidying up to be done. ICI is unlikely to want Grow's carpet-cleaning potions or its spray glitter, and these are likely to be sold. However, for investors who questioned future growth when they read ICI's first-quarter figures last week, here is one answer.

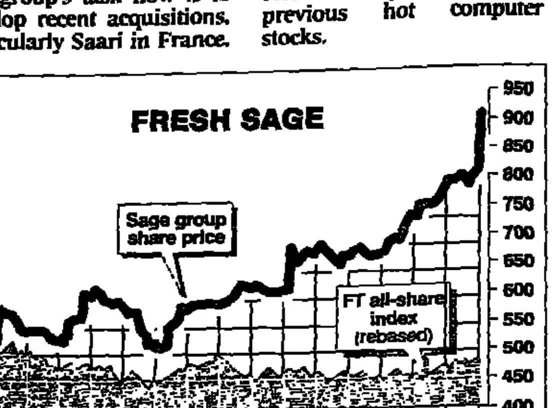
Sage Group

THE computer software industry is littered with burnt-out shells of former hot stocks that investors briefly believed would become the next Microsoft. Sage is the latest in a succession of software producers to attain such stardom, since a succession of acquisitions and strong demand for its main accountancy packages have propelled half-year profits by 71 per cent to £11.7 million.

There are several reasons for confidence that Sage will not go the way of its predecessors. It does not operate in the volatile bespoke software market where cost overruns and contract difficulties can wipe out profits within months. Instead it sells standard accountancy packages to small businesses. Since accountancy tax rules are changing constantly, it earns solid repeat revenues from fairly basic technology.

This should give Sage's earnings some resilience, although the underlying sales growth of 21 per cent in the first half does not look sustainable, given the limits to the small business market. The group's task now is to develop recent acquisitions, particularly Saari in France, whose margins are 14 per cent compared with more than 40 per cent in the UK.

The City now expects Sage to make £21 million this year putting the shares on about 14 times current year earnings. While not expensive, the shares are likely to be restrained by memories of previous hot computer stocks.



Danka

DANKA Business System's failure to win Southern Business Group should reassure rather than disappoint its shareholders. Last year, Danka bought 42 businesses, adding £125 million of revenue to the group and plenty of work for its management in bringing the profitability of new subsidiaries up to group levels. It also demonstrated that the board's strategy of expansion is hedged with profit margins and a deal that would have doubled Danka's UK market share was not acceptable at any price.

More reassuring is the underlying growth of 14 per cent from existing branches. Acquisitions power Danka's rapid growth but it benefits from more than an immediate profits kick on acquisition. The office equipment group makes three quarters of its profit from service agreements which are renegotiated every year: a bigger customer base means it can earn more from its service contracts as existing machinery ages.

New and faster photocopiers also earn Danka more money: in the same way that traffic volumes grow to fill new motorways, faster photocopiers generate more copy demand and Danka's cost-per-copy service contracts benefit from more sophisticated technology. Danka's growth will slow as the number of available small distributors diminishes in the US and the UK, but the photocopier market on the Continent, worth some $12 billion is even more fragmented, offering further scope for Danka.

Inchcape

LIFE has gone from bad to worse at Inchcape, which suffers each turn of the screw as the yen continues its inexorable rise against the dollar, making the cars it distributes increasingly uncompetitive on world markets. Against this background, the disposal of its Hong Kong buying services subsidiary was a rare dose of good cheer.

Inchcape has always proved as adept at trading businesses as products and services. The buying services business is fetching an admirable 30 times earnings, and cutting borrowings by £40 million. Inchcape's debts have looked high ever since its acquisition of Hogg Group, and this deal cuts gearing to 56 per cent.

But the sale has interesting side-effects. It increases the group's dependence on yen-based business, albeit marginally. Given the drubbing it has received from the dollar's fall, the group must have been reluctant to sell the business in a dollar-linked currency such as Hong Kong dollars. It also casts light on the value of the group as a whole. If one insignificant piece is worth so much, potential predators can only do their sums and lick their lips.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	948-947	Jul	1069-1065
Jul	977-976	Sep	1081-1075
Sep	998-997	Dec	1100-1097
Dec	1024-1023	Mar	1120-1112
Mar	1046-1044		
May	1057-1055		Volume: 3735

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	3066-3062	Jan	3065-3055
Jul	3112-3105	Mar	3053-3045
Sep	3087-3085	May	3040-3020
Nov	3075-3070		Volume: 2726

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	298.9-97.1
Spot: 355.5		May	298.8-97.0
Aug	337.0-35.8	Aug	299.2-96.7
Oct	306.0-04.8	Oct	286.2-83.0
Dec	299.5-98.5		Volume: 278

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 28

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	90.78	121.44	120.58
(+/-)	+2.03	-10.12	-1.59
Eng/Wales:	90.78	122.80	120.60
(+/-)	+2.03	-10.41	-1.35
(%)	-29.0	-46.0	-16.0
Scotland:	unq	110.97	120.42
(+/-)	...	-6.78	-3.05
(%)	...	-41.0	-16.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.35	+0.40
Brent 15 day (Jun)	19.35	+0.45
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.80	+0.60
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.70	+0.50
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	20.40	+0.45

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 204 (+3)	O: 206 (+3)
Gasoil EEC	162 (+1)	163 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H May	161 (+2)	163 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Jun	159 (+1)	161 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	107 (n/c)	109 (n/c)
Naphtha	174 (+1)	176 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

May	158.75-59.00	Aug	158.75-59.00
Jun	158.25-58.50	Sep	160.00-60.25
Jul	157.75-58.00		Vol: 11708

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	19.33-19.35	Sep	18.06-18.08
Jul	18.77-18.78	Oct	17.90-17.92
Aug	18.38-18.39		Vol: 29493

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
May	117.95	May	112.00
Jul	119.20	Sep	103.35
Sep	103.25	Nov	104.00
Nov	104.15	Jan	106.00
Jan	106.15	Mar	108.75
Volume: 215		Volume: 30	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
May	305.0	289.0
Apr	126.0	131.0
May	unq	150.5
		Volume: 71

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Jun 116.00-116.50

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 95	2320	2315	2320
Jun 95	2230	2200	2200
Jul 95	2045	2015	2015
Oct 95	unq	unq	1950
Vol: 55 lots			Open interest: 4253

Index 2352 +5

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2800.0-2801.0	2762.0-2763.0	Vol: 1708600
Lead ($/tonne)	604.00-605.00	618.00-620.00	176750
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1078.5-1079.0	1098.0-1099.0	529625
Tin ($/tonne)	5930.0-5935.0	5930.0-5935.0	22335
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1775.0-1780.0	1741.0-1743.0	1330225
Nickel ($/tonne)	7160.0-7165.0	7300.0-7310.0	50178

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Jun 95	3223.0	3245.0	3218.0	3229.0	5951
Previous open interest: 72497	Sep 95	3263.5	3263.5	3263.5	3252.5	100
FT-SE 250	Jun 95	3534.0	3534.0	3534.0	3540.0	4
Previous open interest: 4242	Sep 95					0
Three Month Sterling	Jun 95	92.77	92.77	92.74	92.76	10454
Previous open interest: 391117	Sep 95	92.26	92.28	92.21	92.26	14234
	Dec 95	91.97	92.00	91.92	91.95	5506
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 95				93.71	0
Previous open interest: 1169	Sep 95				93.53	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 95	95.42	95.43	95.37	95.38	7648
Previous open interest: 683691	Sep 95	95.25	95.27	95.19	95.21	9283
Long Gilt	Jun 95	103-18	103-20	103-07	103-18	26198
Previous open interest: 84267	Sep 95	103-08	103-08	103-00	103-06	266
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 95	115.85	115.97	115.84	115.95	3064
	Sep 95	115.01	115.09	114.97	115.07	1348
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 95	92.89	93.07	92.70	92.88	27385
Previous open interest: 174952	Sep 95	92.30	92.30	92.30	92.32	70
Three month ECU	Jun 95	93.62	93.62	93.53	93.51	47
Previous open interest: 18707	Sep 95	93.47	93.47	93.47	93.47	1
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 95	96.57	96.57	96.52	96.55	654
Previous open interest: 42156	Sep 95	96.45	96.45	96.40	96.43	341
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 95	96.05	96.55	95.63	96.37	10211
Previous open interest: 41301	Sep 95	95.70	95.70	95.70	95.67	11

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 4½ Week fixed: 5 15/16
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6 11/16; 3 mth 6¾. Sell: 2 mth 6⅝; 3 mth 6⅝.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6 11/16-6 9/16	6¾-6⅝	6 13/16-6 11/16	6 15/16-6 13/16	
Sterling Money Rates:	6¾-6⅝	6 13/16-6¾	7 1/16-6 15/16	7⅜-7¼	7¾-7 11/16
Interbank:	6¾-6⅝	6 13/16-6¾	7 1/16-6 15/16	7⅜-7¼	7¾-7 11/16

Overnight: open 6¾, close 5.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6¾	n/a	6⅞	7¼	7¾
Sterling CDs:	6 11/16-6 9/16	6 13/16-6 11/16	6 15/16-6¾	7 5/16-7 3/16	7¾-7⅝
Dollar CDs:	6.04	n/a	6.12	6.29	6.53
Building Society CDs:	6¾-6⅝	6 13/16-6¾	7-6 15/16	7⅜-7¼	7 13/16-7 11/16

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87%. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5¾	6 1/16-5 15/16	6 1/16-5 15/16	6¼-6⅛	5¼-4¼
Deutschemark:	4 11/16-4 9/16	4⅝-4½	4 11/16-4 9/16	4¾-4⅝	5-4
French Franc:	4½-4¼	4¾-4 9/16	4⅞-4¾	4⅞-4¾	8¼-6½
Swiss Franc:	3 7/16-3 5/16	3⅜-3¼	3½-3⅜	3⅝-3½	3¼-2¾
Yen:	1¼-1⅛	1 5/16-1 3/16	1 5/16-1 3/16	1 5/16-1 3/16	1¼-¾

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $386.40-386.80 Close: $387.10-387.60 High: $387.50-388.00
Low: $385.50-386.30 AM: $386.50 PM: $387.20

Krugerrand: $390.00-392.00 (£241.00-243.00)

Platinum: $442.00 (£273.70) Silver: $5.77 (£3.555) Palladium: $162.50 (£100.60)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 1	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5124-2.5212	2.5179-2.5212	⅜-¼pr	1⅛-1pr
Brussels	46.14-46.38	46.27-46.38	8-3pr	21-14pr
Copenhagen	8.8110-8.8480	8.8330-8.8480	½-1½ds	½-¼pr
Dublin	0.9855-0.9888	0.9857-0.9882	4-1pr	7-2pr
Frankfurt	2.2434-2.2490	2.2468-2.2490	⅜-¼pr	1⅛-1pr
Lisbon	237.28-238.62	237.98-238.62	66-75ds	197-217ds
Madrid	199.02-199.94	199.33-199.63	34-45ds	109-127ds
Milan	2678.7-2708.4	2692.6-2702.5	8-10ds	24-26ds
Montreal	2.1826-2.1970	2.1921-2.1952	0.14-0.22ds	0.30-0.42ds
New York	1.6096-1.6192	1.6176-1.6186	0.10-0.07pr	0.32-0.28pr
Oslo	10.0600-10.1100	10.0940-10.1100	1⅛-¼pr	4½-3pr
Paris	7.9670-8.0160	8.0020-8.0160	1-1½ds	2-2½ds
Stockholm	11.7400-11.8070	11.7830-11.8070	1⅛-2ds	4⅞-6⅞ds
Tokyo	134.98-135.38	134.98-135.24	⅝-½pr	2-1¾pr
Vienna	15.78-15.84	15.78-15.83	3½-2½pr	9½-7½pr
Zurich	1.8498-1.8558	1.8521-1.8550	⅝-½pr	1⅝-1½pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr Discount - ds.

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Dom.	500	53	56½	62½	4½	8½	15
(*549½)	550	15	25	33½	24½	29½	37
Argyll	280	17	22½	27	9½	14	17½
(*289½)	300	7	13½	18	22	25½	28½
ASDA	80	5½	6½	8½	4	5	6½
(*80½)	90	2	3	4½	10½	11½	12
Boots	500	25½	36	41	13	17½	21
(*516½)	550	4½	14	18½	46	48	50
Br Airways	390	21½	30½	37	13	19	23
(*400)	420	8	17	23½	32	36½	39½
BP	420	37	45	51½	4	9	11
(*452)	460	12	21	29	20	25½	28
Br Steel	160	14½	17½	19½	3½	6	7½
(*170½)	180	4	8	10	14½	16½	17½
C & W	390	24	33½	40½	13	17½	21½
(*401½)	420	9½	19½	26½	30	34	37½
CU	550	30½	41½	52	17	28	32½
(*557½)	600	10½	19½	30	47	58	61
ICI	750	32	45	60½	20½	33	37
(*753½)	800	11½	23	37½	51	62½	66
Kingfishr	420	43½	53	61½	6	13	17
(*453)	460	18	28½	38½	21	29	33½
Land Sec	550	18½	25½	31	22	25½	28½
(*556½)	600	2½	8½	12½	62½	63½	64
M & S	420	15	24	31	14	20	21½
(*423)	460	2½	9	15	43½	46½	47
Nat West	500	53½	61½	70½	5½	13	16½
(*541½)	550	21	31	41½	23	33½	37
Sainsbury	420	23½	33½	40	9	13	17
(*437½)	460	5	14	21	33	35	38½
Shell	700	57½	69½	76	4½	10½	14
(*744)	750	22	35½	44½	19	29½	33
Smkl Bch.	460	43	49	57½	6	13	16½
(*492)	500	16½	26	35½	22	30	34½
Storehse	240	15½	21½	25½	7½	9½	11½
(*248)	260	5½	11½	16	19	20½	22
Trafalgar	50	8	10	11	1½	3	4
(*55½)	60	3	5	6½	6	7½	9½
Unilever	1200	52½	83	100	19½	30	36½
(*1219½)	1250	25	54½	71	44½	53½	59
Zeneca	900	42½	58½	77½	24½	38	47½
(*905½)	950	20	35½	54	50½	65	74½
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Grnd Met.	390	12	22	30	3½	11	17
(*398)	420	1	9	16	22½	30½	33½
Ladbroke	160	18	23	25	0	2½	4½
(*177½)	180	2	10	13	4½	10	12½
Utd Bisc	330	20	31½	38½	1½	7½	12½
(*348)	360	2½	14½	23	13½	20½	26½

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
BAA	460	28½	37½	44½	9½	13½	17½
(*476½)	500	9	18	25	31	34½	38
Thames W	460	31½	36	40	12	18	23½
(*483½)	500	8½	16½	21½	37	40½	45½
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAT Ind	460	17½	32	39	4½	17½	23½
(*473)	500	1½	13	20	29	41½	45½
BTR	300	30	36½	40½	0	3	6½
(*329)	330	5½	16	21	6	12	18
Br Aero	531	16½	—	—	9	—	—
(*539½)	580	1	—	—	42	—	—
Br Telcm	390	5½	16	21	5½	18½	22
(*390)	420	0	5½	10	30	40	41½
Cadbury	447	7½	24½	—	7½	15	—
(*447)	486	0	9	—	39	40½	—
Guinness	460	13½	29	36½	4½	13½	18
(*468)	500	0½	10½	17½	32	36	40
GEC	300	6½	13½	17	3½	13½	15½
(*302)	330	0	3	6½	26	35½	36
Hanson	220	17	20	22½	0	3½	6
(*236½)	240	2½	8	11½	5½	11½	15
LASMO	160	15	20	25	0½	3½	5
(*174)	180	2½	9	14	7½	11½	13½
Lucas	180	13	20	24	1	5	6
(*192)	200	1½	9½	13½	9½	14½	19½
Pilkingtn	160	20	21½	25	0	2	3½
(*179½)	180	5	8½	13	4½	9½	11½
Prudential	300	17	27	32	1	5½	10
(*315)	330	1½	11	16½	15½	19½	24½
Redland	390	22½	38½	44½	1	9	14½
(*410)	420	4	21½	28	13	22	28½
R-Royce	160	12½	19	21	0½	4	7
(*171)	180	2	8½	11	9½	13½	16½
Tesco	260	19½	26½	31	0½	3½	6½
(*278½)	280	3½	13	19	5½	11	14
Vodafone	180	16	21½	27	0½	4½	7
(*199)	200	3	10½	16	7	13	16
Williams	330	6½	18	21½	5	11½	17
(*330½)	360	0	6½	9½	29½	31	35½

FT-SE INDEX (*3220½)

	3100	3150	3200	3250	3300	3350
Calls						
May	130½	86	47	21½	7	2
Jun	144	106½	74½	47½	28	15
Jul	169½	132½	103½	76½	55	38
Aug	196	151	121½	94½	72	53
Dec	250	—	189½	—	139	—
Puts						
May	5	11	23½	49	86	132½
Jun	16½	29½	46½	70½	102	141
Jul	32½	45½	65½	89½	119	153½
Aug	43	58½	78	102	130½	162
Dec	81	—	119½	—	169	—

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat	460	17½	28	36½	11	19½	23½
(*462½)	500	3½	11½	18½	38	44	46½
Amstrad	175	28½	—	—	0½	—	—
(*201)	200	10	17	21½	7	11	13½
Barclays	600	50	62½	73½	4½	14½	20
(*640)	650	16½	32½	44½	22	35½	41½
Blue Circ	280	15½	24	30	6½	13	16½
(*286½)	300	6½	14½	20½	17½	23½	27
Br Gas	300	7	14½	19	9	13	18
(*305)	330	1	4½	8	24½	35	38
Dixons	240	11	14½	20	8	15	17
(*241½)	260	3½	6½	11	21	27½	29
Forte	220	14	20½	23½	2½	5½	8
(*229)	240	4½	10	13½	13	15	18
Hillsdwn	180	9	15	19	3½	6	6
(*185)	200	1	5½	9½	15½	17½	19
Lonrho	160	9½	14	18½	4	8	9½
(*164½)	180	1½	5½	9½	16½	20	21
Sears	100	6	8½	10	2	3½	4½
(*105½)	110	1	4	5½	8½	9½	10
Thrn Emi	1100	59	77½	87	8½	29½	36½
(*1140)	1150	29	45½	59	28	54½	61
Tomkins	220	18½	22	26	2½	6½	9
(*235)	240	6	11	15½	10½	16½	19
TSB	240	16½	23	27½	5½	11½	13
(*248½)	260	7½	13½	18	16	22	23½
Wellcome	1000	71½	77½	—	0	1½	—
(*1030)	1050	25	32½	—	3	10½	—
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Glaxo	700	53½	67½	77½	12½	28	35
(*731½)	750	25	39	51½	34½	53	60
HSBC	700	60½	77	94	18½	32½	41
(*732½)	750	35	50½	68	40½	56	65
Reuter	460	26½	37½	48	15	20½	25
(*466½)	500	9½	19½	29	38	45	46½
	Series	May	Jul	Oct	May	Jul	Oct
Royal Ins.	300	10	18½	25½	4	11	17½
(*305)	330	0½	6	12½	25	28	34½
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Fisons	180	14	21	26½	6	10	13
(*185½)	200	5½	12	17½	17½	21	24
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastern Gp	600	39½	55	69	1½	21	29½
(*636½)	650	7	26½	44	19½	47	55
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	420	36½	40½	47½	4½	9½	12½
(*452½)	460	9½	19	27	24	29	31½
Scot Pwr	330	16½	23½	29	7½	16	19
(*337)	360	4½	10	15½	25½	34½	36½

May 1, 1995 Tot: 15078 Call: 6522 Put: 8556 FT-SE Call: 1453 Put: 2673
*Underlying security price.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3757-1.3766
Austria	9.76-9.77
Belgium (Com)	28.56-28.59
Canada	1.3552-1.3562
Denmark	5.4580-5.4630
France	4.9439-4.9460
Germany	1.3876-1.3886
Hong Kong	7.7375-7.7380
Ireland	1.6395-1.6405
Italy	1660.5-1661.5
Japan	83.48-83.55
Malaysia	2.4705-2.4715
Netherlands	1.5543-1.5548
Norway	6.2280-6.2330
Portugal	146.70-147.00
Singapore	1.3905-1.3915
Spain	123.35-123.55
Sweden	7.2587-7.2662
Switzerland	1.1445-1.1450

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6182-1.6209
Australia dollar	2.2260-2.2289
Bahrain dinar	0.6005-0.6125
Brazil real*	1.4887-1.4930
China yuan	12.75 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.705-0.715
Finland markka	6.8375-6.9535
Greece drachma	362.25-367.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.5200-12.5286
India rupee	50.11-51.07
Indonesia rupiah	3562.00-3630.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.467-0.477
Malaysia ringgit	3.9988-4.0029
New Zealand dollar	2.3972-2.4004
Pakistan rupee	49.80 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.975-6.101
Singapore dollar	2.2500-2.2530
S Africa rand (com)	5.8482-5.8567
U A E dirham	5.850-5.974

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	391	Legal & Gn	426
ASDA Gp	6,900	Lloyds Bk	1,200
Abbey Natl	1,800	MEPC	615
Alld Dom	487	Marks Spr	2,000
Argyll Gp	1,700	NatWst Bk	1,200
Arjo Wiggn	2,000	Nat Power	364
AB Foods	173	Nth Wst W	1,200
BAA	1,900	P & O	1,700
BAT Inds	2,800	Pearson	413
BOC	172	PowerGen	1,600
BP	3,600	Prudential	2,400
BTR	2,000	RMC	1,500
BT	6,300	RTZ	439
Bk of Scot	403	Rank Org	1,600
Barclays	1,700	Reckitt Col	819
Bass	1,000	Redland	1,500
Blue Circle	1,400	Reed Intl	906
Boots	749	Rentokil	919
Bowater	657	Reuters	3,300
Brit Aero	820	Rolls Royce	3,500
Brit Airwys	2,000	Ryl Ins	2,100
Brit Gas	2,800	Ryl Bk Scot	650
Brit Steel	10,000	Sainsbury	1,100
Burmah Cstl	668	Schroders	6
Cable Wire	921	Scot & New	180
Cadbury	1,700	Scot Power	2,300
Caradon	568	Sears	4,100
Carlton Cms	137	Svrn Trent	622
Cm Union	400	Shell Trans	4,100
Courtaulds	740	Siebe	546
De La Rue	636	Smkl Bch	2,000
Eastern Elec	219	Smith Nph	1,100
Enterpr Oil	1,400	Sthern Elec	255
Forte	4,400	Std Chartd	2,700
GKN	504	Sun Allnce	1,200
GRE	1,500	TI Gp	275
GUS	1,300	TSB	748
Gen Acc	1,200	Tate & Lyle	2,600
Gen Elec	1,500	Tesco	7,100
Glaxo	1,800	Thames W	975
Granada	275	Thrn EMI	850
Grand Met	2,100	Tomkins	5,300
Guinness	2,300	Unilever	1,000
HSBC	1,000	Utd Bisc	718
Hanson	5,200	Vodafone	1,800
ICI	1,300	Warburg	935
Inchcape	2,300	Whitbread	1,200
Kingfisher	3,000	Wlms Hld	628
Ladbroke	5,200	Wolseley	971
Land Secs	1,800	Zeneca	1,300

WALL STREET

	May 1 midday	Apr 28 close
AMP Inc	42¼	42¼
AMR Corp	67½	67¼
AT & T	51¼	50½
Abbott Labs	39½	39¼
Advanced Micro	35¼	36
Aetna Life	56¼	57
Ahmanson (HF)	21	21
Air Prod & Chem	50½	50¼
Albertson's	31½	31¼
Alcan Alumnm	28	28¼
Alco Standard	70½	70¼
Allied Signal	39¼	39¼
Alum Co of Am	44¼	44¼
Amax Gold Inc	5½	5½
Amerada Hess	52½	50¼
Amer Brands	40¼	40½
Amer El Power	32¼	32¼
Amer Express	34½	34¼
Amer Genl Corp	32½	33
Amer Home Pr	76½	77¼
Amer Intl	106¼	106¼
Amer Stores	26	25¼
Ameritech	45¼	45
Amoco	67	65¼
Anheuser-Busch	58¼	58¼
Apple Computer	38¼	38¼
Archer Daniels	18	18¼
Armco	7¼	7
Armstrng Wrld	45¼	45¼
Asarco	26½	27¼
Ashland Oil	37¼	37
All Richfield	116¼	114¼
Auto Data Pro	63¼	64¼
Avery Dennison	41¼	40¼
Avon Products	62¼	63¼
Baker Hughes	22¼	22
Baltim Gas & El	27¼	25¼
Banc One	29¼	29¼
BankAmerica	49¼	49¼
Bank of NY	32¼	32¼
Bankers Tr NY	53¼	54¼
Barnett Banks	46¼	46¼
Bausch & Lomb	38¼	38¼
Baxter Intl	34¼	34¼
Becton Dicknsn	55¼	55¼
Bell Atlantic	54¼	54¼
Bell Industries	20½	20¼
BellSouth	61¼	61¼
Black & Decker	30	30
Block (H&R)	42	42¼
Boeing	55	55
Boise Cascade	32¼	32¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	65¼	65¼
Browning Ferris	33	33
Brunswick	21¼	21¼
Burlington Nthn	59¼	59¼
CBS	64¼	64¼
CNA Financial	76¼	77
CPC Intl	58¼	58¼
CSX	79¼	79¼
Campbell Soup	50¼	51¼
Can Pacific	15¼	15¼
Cpll Cities ABC	84¼	84¼
Carolina Pwr	27¼	27¼
Caterpillar	57¼	58¼
Central & SW	24¼	24¼
Champion Intl	43¼	44
Chase Manhat	37¼	37¼
Chemical Bk	41¼	41¼
Chevron Corp	48¼	47¼
Chrysler	42¼	43¼
Chubb Corp	80	80
Cigna Corp	72¼	72¼
Citicorp	46¼	46¼
Clorox	58	58¼
Coastal Corp	29¼	29¼
Coca Cola	57¼	58¼
Colgate-Palmolive	69¼	70¼
Columbia Gas	29¼	29¼
Compaq Comp	37¼	38
Comp Ass Intl	63¼	64¼
Conagra	33	33¼
Conrail	54¼	54¼
Cons Edison	27¼	27¼
Cons Nat Gas	38¼	39¼
Cooper Inds	39¼	39
Corning Inc	34¼	33¼
Crown Cork	42¼	42¼
Dana Corp	25¼	25¼
Dayton Hudson	69¼	67¼
Deere	81¼	82
Delta Air Lines	65¼	65¼
Deluxe Corp	30¼	30¼
Detroit Edison	29¼	29¼
Digital Equip	45¼	46¼
Dillard Dept St	25¼	25¼
Disney (Walt)	54¼	55¼
Dominion Res	36¼	36¼
Donnelley (RR)	33¼	34
Dover Corp	65	65
Dow Chemical	69¼	69¼
Dow Jones	34¼	35
Dresser	22¼	21¼
Duke Power	39¼	39¼
Dun & Bradstreet	52¼	52¼
Du Pont	66	65¼
Eastman Kodak	57¼	57
Eaton Corp	57¼	57¼
Emerson Elec	67¼	67¼
Engelhard Corp	38¼	38¼

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Enron Corp	33¼	34
Entergy	21¼	21¼
Ethyl Corp	10¼	10¼
Exxon	70¼	69¼
FMC Corp	61¼	61¼
FPL Group	36¼	36¼
Federal Express	68¼	68
Fed Nat Mtge	87¼	88¼
First Chicago	55	55¼
First Interstate	78¼	76¼
First Union Rlty	7¼	7¼
Fleet Finl Grp	32¼	32¼
Fluor Corp	51¼	51¼
Ford Motor	27¼	27
GTE Corp	34¼	34¼
Gannett	53¼	52¼
Gap Inc Del	31¼	31¼
Gen Dynamics	46	46¼
Gen Electric	56	56
Gen Mills	61	61
Gen Motors	45	45¼
Gen Reinsurance	126¼	127¼
Gen Signal	37¼	37¼
Genuine Parts	38¼	38¼
Georgia Pac	80	79¼
Gillette	81¼	82
Glaxo ADR	23¼	23¼
Goodrich (BF)	46¼	46¼
Goodyear Tire	37¼	38
Grace (W&R)	53	53¼
Gt Atl Pac Tea	24¼	25¼
Great Wstn Fin	21	21¼
Halliburton	34¼	38¼
Harcourt General	40¼	40¼
Heinz (HJ)	41¼	42
Hercules	50¼	49¼
Hershey Foods	52¼	52¼
Hewlett Packard	64¼	66¼
Hilton Hotels	77¼	76¼
Home Depot	41¼	41¼
Homestake Mng	17¼	16¼
Honeywell	38¼	38¼
Household Intl	40¼	40¼
Houston Inds	39¼	39¼
Humana	19¼	19¼
ITT Corp	104¼	104¼
Illinois Tool	50¼	50¼
Illinova	23	23¼
INCO	25¼	25¼
Ingersoll Rand	35¼	35¼
Inland Steel	25¼	25¼
Intel Corp	104¼	102¼
IBM	93¼	94¼
Intl Flav & Fr	50¼	51¼
Intl Paper	77	77
James River Va	27	27¼
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	64¼	65
Kellogg	62¼	63¼
Kerr-McGee	53	51¼
Kimberly-Clark	56¼	56¼
Kmart	13¼	13¼
Knight-Ridder	53¼	54¼
Lilly (Eli)	75¼	74¼
Limited Inc	21¼	21¼
LIN Brdcstng	123¼	124¼
Lincoln Nat	40¼	40¼
Litton	35	34¼
Liz Claiborne	18¼	18
Lockheed Martin	57¼	57¼
Louisiana Pac	25¼	25¼
MCI Comm	21¼	21¼
Marriott Int	35¼	35¼
Marsh & McLnn	77¼	78¼
Masco Corp	25¼	25¼
May Dept St	35¼	36¼
Maytag Corp	17¼	17¼
McDonalds	35¼	35
McDonnell D	62¼	62
McGraw Hill	74¼	74¼
Mead Corp	52¼	51¼
Medtronic	73¼	74¼
Mellon Bk	39	39¼
Melville Corp	35¼	35¼
Merck Inc	43¼	42¼
Merrill Lynch	44¼	45¼
Minnesota Mine	58¼	59¼
Mobil Corp	97¼	94¼
Monsanto	83¼	83¼
Morgan (JP)	65¼	65¼
Motorola Inc	57¼	56¼
Natl Semi	22¼	22¼
Natl Service Ind	27¼	28¼
Navistar Intl	14	14¼
NBD Bancorp	30¼	30¼
NY Times A	23¼	23¼
Newmont Mng	42¼	41¼
Niag Mohawk	13¼	13¼
Nike B	76¼	76¼
NL Industries	14¼	14¼
Noram Energy	6¼	6¼
Nordstrom	38	38¼
Norfolk Sthrn	66¼	67¼
Nthn State Pwr	44¼	44¼
Norwest Corp	26¼	26¼
Nynex Corp	40¼	40¼
Occidental Pet	21¼	22
Ohio Edison	20¼	20¼
Oracle Systems	30¼	30¼
Oryx Energy Co	14¼	13¼
Owens Corning	37	36¼

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PPG Industries	39¼	39¼
PNC Bank	25¼	25¼
Paccar Inc	45¼	46
Pacificorp	18¼	19
Pac Enterprises	24¼	24¼
Pac Gas & Elect	26¼	26¼
Pac Telesis	30¼	30¼
Pall Corp	23¼	23¼
Panhandle East	24	24
Parker Hannifin	52¼	52
Peco Energy	25¼	25¼
Penney (JC)	43	43¼
Pennzoil	49¼	48¼
Pepsico	41¼	41¼
Pfizer	85¼	86¼
Phelps Dodge	56¼	56¼
Philip Morris	67¼	67¼
Phillips Pet	35¼	35
Pitney Bowes	37	37¼
Polaroid	34	34
PriceCostco	14¼	14¼
Procter & Gmbl	69¼	69¼
Providian	34¼	34¼
Pub Serv E & G	27¼	27¼
Quaker Oats	35¼	35¼
Ralston Purina	47¼	47¼
Raychem Corp	35¼	35¼
Raytheon	72¼	72¼
Reebok Intl	31¼	31¼
Reynolds Metals	49	50¼
Roadway Srvcs	48	48¼
Rockwell Intl	43¼	43¼
Rohm & Haas	58¼	58¼
Royal Dutch	125	124
Rubbermaid	29¼	29¼
Safeco Corp	57¼	56¼
St Paul's Cos	48¼	48¼
Salomon Inc	36¼	36¼
Santa Fe Pac	23¼	12¼
Sara Lee Corp	27¼	27¼
Scecorp	16¼	16¼
Schering Plough	74¼	75¼
Schlumberger	64¼	62¼
Scott Paper	89¼	89¼
Seagram	26¼	27¼
Sears Roebuck	53¼	54¼
Shell Trans	72¼	71¼
Sherwin Wlms	35¼	35¼
Skyline Corp	17¼	17¼
Snap-On-Tools	31	37¼
Southern Co	20¼	20¼
Sthwestern Bell	44¼	44¼
Sprint Corp	32¼	33
Stanley Works	39¼	39¼
Sun Company	30¼	30¼
Sun Microsys	39¼	39¼
Suntrust	53¼	54¼
Supervalu	26¼	26¼
Sysco Corp	27¼	28
TRW Inc	73¼	74¼
TCC Inds	2¼	2¼
Tandem Comp	12¼	12¼
Tandy Corp	49¼	49¼
Teledyne	24¼	24¼
Temple Inland	45¼	44
Tenet Healthcare	16¼	16¼
Tenneco	45¼	45¼
Texaco	66¼	66¼
Texas Inst	106¼	106
Texas Utilities	32¼	32¼
Textron	56¼	57
Time Warner	36¼	36¼
Times-Mirror A	18	18¼
Timken	40¼	40¼
Torchmark	38¼	39
Toys R Us	25¼	25¼
Transamerica	56¼	56¼
Travelers	41¼	41¼
Tribune	59	59¼
Tyco Labs	52¼	52¼
UST Inc	28¼	28¼
UAL	119¼	120
USX Marathon	19	18¼
Unicom	26¼	26¼
Unilever NV	133¼	133¼
Union Camp	49¼	50¼
Union Carbide	32¼	32
Union Pacific	54¼	54¼
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USAIR Group	6¼	7¼
USF&G Corp	14¼	14¼
US Life	38	38
US West	41¼	41¼
United Tech	73	73¼
Unocal Corp	29¼	29¼
Upjohn	36¼	36¼
VF Corp	51¼	50¼
WMX Tech	27¼	27¼
Wal-Mart Stores	23¼	23¼
Warner-Lambert	81	79¼
Wells Fargo	165¼	165¼
Westinghouse El	14¼	15
Weyerhaeuser	41¼	42
Whirlpool	54¼	54¼
Whitman	18¼	18¼
Winn Dixie	55¼	55¼
Woolworth	15¼	16
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44¼	44¼
Xerox	122¼	123¼
Yellow Corp	18	18

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CITY DIARY

Getting the inside story

FOR enterprise and effort, I award nine out of ten to a reader who has written asking for our help in securing a free copy of the 1995 edition of the *Lloyds Bank Small Business Guide*. The 448-page guide gives advice for the would-be entrepreneur seeking inspiration in setting up and running a small business, and is published by Penguin Books at £15. Chapters include "Timing the jump", "Beating the pirates", and "Keeping the record straight". Although a free copy was available to the first 300 who telephoned a special number published in *The Times* last week, our reader's number and present address fully explain why he was unable to reach a telephone in time. His current address is: Her Majesty's Prison, Wandsworth. His copy is in the post. It should keep him on the straight and narrow.

Rich pastures

DEREK Riches, a director of Smith New Court and market-maker in manufacturing and engineering equities, has made a welcome return to City life after an horrendous farm accident last November which left him medically wired up in numerous places. He promised last December that little would stop him talking, and true to his word he is breezily back on the telephone. He said: "Shares in my sector have been dull in my absence, but let's see what we can do about that."



Call of Cuba

THE call of the Caribbean has proved too much for one City professional. Joe Grahame, 26, ex-Bankers Trust, and recently with J Rothschild Wolfensohn, has just flown back from Cuba where he was arranging the handover of a new school bus to a home for mentally handicapped children in Havana. The bus was part-funded by the J Rothschild Group Charitable Trust and Corporación Cerveza Clara, a European-backed venture that aims to market Cuban beer internationally. His first experience of Cuba has proved addictive — "I couldn't stay in investment banking after that," he said.

Street cred

JOHN Hinchliffe, harbourmaster at Padstow, Cornwall, says our Saturday report about Herbert Hillebrand, Germany's financially troubled "King of the Castles" brought back fond memories of Grand Bahama Island in the Eighties. Hinchliffe lived on Hawaii Avenue in a property owned by Herr Hillebrand, who had a habit of buying up local houses for cash dollars. So numerous were his acquisitions that the German magnate, it is said, had asked the authorities to change Hawaii Avenue's name to Hillebrandstrasse.

THE one line investment verdict from Paribas Capital Markets on Richard Budge's RJB Mining is: "Investors should beware of pit ponies bearing gifts. Self".

COLIN CAMPBELL

Will shipyard battle revive Weinstock's taste for BAe?

VSEL is likely to be back in play soon, and GEC could try to buy its rival suitor, says Ross Tieman



Lord Weinstock will soon be free to pursue a 20-year ambition to control BAe, and safeguard GEC shipbuilding

After six months of phoney war, the battle for Britain's defence industry is about to begin in earnest. In the next couple of weeks, Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, will announce whether British Aerospace and GEC are to be allowed to renew their rival offers to buy VSEL, Britain's only submarine builder.

Shortly afterwards, in June, the one-year voluntary "standstill" agreement, which bars GEC from bidding for BAe itself, will expire. If he so chooses, Lord Weinstock, GEC's 71-year-old managing director, will then once more be free to pursue an ambition that he has held for 20 years — control of BAe. Workers in the defence industry, still Britain's biggest manufacturing sector, can look forward to an exciting summer.

The forces for consolidation in the defence industry are enormous. A combination of stagnant national defence budgets, rising weapon costs, and risk transfer to the private sector is pushing companies to combine forces.

The ultimate question is whether the Government is prepared to allow a merger of BAe and GEC, Britain's two biggest defence contractors, or whether it will try to keep them apart. Until now, the Ministry of Defence has consistently indicated a clear preference to see the two competing for contracts. If they wish to form multinational consortia, or can succeed in acquiring foreign competitors, runs the MoD line, so much the better.

However, the fiction of United Kingdom competition in the largest projects is wearing very thin. That is why the bidding for VSEL, which broke out last autumn, is widely seen as a test of government attitudes.

GEC and BAe originally discussed making a joint offer for the Barrow in Furness warship builder. To promote the open exchange of information about their respective naval activities necessary to such a bid, GEC signed a pledge last June that it would not bid for BAe for 12 months.

However, the talks came to nothing. Much to Lord Weinstock's chagrin, BAe announced an agreed £490 million offer for VSEL on October 12. GEC weighed in a week later with a £532 million cash offer, which was duly topped by a revised £570 million bid from BAe.

Mr Heseltine stepped between them and called a Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry. He has been pondering its conclusions since April 12. His decision is imminent.

Few in the industry have any doubt about what will happen. "Both will be cleared; they will both bid," says one of the warship industry's most respected figures. There is certainly no doubting BAe's determination. In March, the company called on shareholders for an extra £385 million of funds to increase its firepower in the bid battle to come.

VSEL is an important asset. Britain now has only two other warship builders, GEC's Yarrow Shipbuilders on the Clyde and Vosper Thornycroft in Southampton.

Vosper has guarded its independence by building on a strong export tradition to supplement MoD orders. It has a £600 million order book, made up of 14 vessels, providing a steady work flow until 2001. It also has £100 million of spare cash — apparently sufficient for the yard to fund its bid to build the Royal Navy's next three Type 23 frigates and support its ambition to develop a naval services arm.

Vosper's main UK competitor is GEC. Both yards have restricted space. Either will be able to build frigates being designed in the British/French/Italian Horizon programme. However, those ships, each the size of a Second World War cruiser, will be the limit of their capacity.

Only Barrow has the space and facilities to seek the impending £2.5 billion order for five Batch 2 Trafalgar nuclear-powered hunter-killer submarines. VSEL has already won the contract for a helicopter assault ship, is the sole bidder (in partnership with the Kvaerner Govan merchant yard on Clydeside) for two more marine assault ships, and will be front-runner to build successors to current aircraft carriers.

However, to take on all these orders, VSEL needs a parent with deep pockets to fund the risk of being a prime contractor. Should it be GEC, which owns a yard, or BAe, which does not?

In 1990, 22,000 workers built warships in four British yards. Today, the remaining three yards employ fewer than 9,000.

The biggest cost of running a warship yard is the employees, in particular the naval architects and engineers needed to design vessels, and the marketing department needed to deal with the MoD and sell abroad.

Many in the industry believe that Britain would be better off with just two main yards, spreading their overheads across a bigger volume of work.

GEC has promised to keep Yarrow open for seven years if it wins control of VSEL. Lord Weinstock says that he has provided "every kind of guarantee" to the MoD and the MMC.

According to GEC, the prospects of both yards will be enhanced if they can share design and marketing overheads and win more export business.

GEC's success in selling ships abroad has improved in recent years. The company has built two light frigates for Malaysia, based on Britain's Type 23s, and is trying to sell more to South Africa and Brunei, after a recent government-to-government memorandum of understanding on defence co-operation.

One industry leader says that if GEC wins, it is "inconceivable" that it would not eventually shut Yarrow. However, what will become of it if BAe wins?

Warship export opportunities are concentrated in the Middle East and the Far East, where newly industrialising countries such as Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei want modern vessels to back up their claims to offshore oil and gas reserves.

Vosper and GEC already face fierce competition in export markets from Spain and the United States, which can compete on costs, and from France, where the state-owned defence manufacturing industry can and does offer military hardware at marginal cost, as part of a political policy designed to maintain national capability.

Dutch and German yards have been losing out in recent years because their labour costs are twice those of Britain. VSEL, with BAe at the helm, would not just compete in these markets, but would also bid aggressively to build frigates for the MoD, eating into the core market of its rivals.

Vosper, with its six-year order book, can weather the storm. The battle over VSEL is, therefore, also a battle over whether Yarrow will survive, and whether GEC will remain a prime contractor in warships.

With an election on the horizon, the Government does not want to take the responsibility for what happens to Yarrow through its procurement decisions. That is why Mr Heseltine is expected to clear both bids.

"It is," one industry leader says, "going to be a great battle. Weinstock will never overpay for this. It is much more his style to allow British Aerospace to overpay. But he is now 71. Ten years ago, I would have put my money on him playing a waiting game. Now I'm not sure."

Analysts say that because of the way its tax liabilities are structured, BAe can afford to pay £18 a share for VSEL without diluting its earnings. GEC, at that level, would face penalties. However, with £2 billion of cash in his back pocket, Lord Weinstock could swallow a much larger morsel than VSEL. If the MMC clears him to buy VSEL, why not bid for BAe, too?

Trading places with WTO's Peter the Great

Colin Narbrough assesses the record of the man who won the Uruguay Round

Peter Sutherland, who handed over the helm of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) to Renato Ruggiero, the former Italian trade minister, yesterday, justifiably feels he has served the cause of free trade well.

But the former Irish Attorney-General and ex-European Competition Commissioner, still only 49, believes that the signing last year of the Uruguay Round treaty on liberalised international trade, and the establishment in January of the WTO, the new trade watchdog, were just a beginning, albeit a decisive one.

He said that when called to Geneva to head the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) in 1993, the whole multi-lateral trading system faced collapse.

The former rugby player's talent for bullying and coaxing negotiators played a key role in securing the world's biggest trade agreement. That opened the way for Gatt, a temporary organisation since 1948, to be replaced by the WTO, a permanent institution on a par with the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

Mr Sutherland sees the "big challenge" for Signor Ruggiero as having to implement new rules that have extended the free trade principle beyond manufactured goods to fresh territory in services, agriculture and intellectual property. This is expected to boost global income by an estimated $500 billion in the next 10 years.

Agreement on financial services has yet to be reached and Mr Sutherland sees a danger in the fact that negotiations on a single issue offer no scope for horse-trading so vital to earlier talks.

Another urgent need was to bring the WTO to the big table to help to reform the way in which global economic co-operation is managed, he said. He has held discussions with the Group of Seven economies about their summit next month.

Possibly because he comes from a small country, Mr Sutherland has been a champion of the developing nations and is keen to ensure that their acceptance of open trade will ensure them a greater say in how the world economy is run.

He said the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the thinktank of the richest nations, could not simply go on charting economic change without regard for the rest of the world.

A man who claims he never sought his "big jobs", Mr Sutherland nevertheless sees his vigorous advocacy of free trade at the Gatt and WTO as an extension of the same logic that makes him a vigorous proponent of European integration.

As a commissioner in Brussels in the Eighties, he promoted open competition in a pugnacious fashion that surprised corporate Europe. The reputation he earned probably clinched his selection to finish the Uruguay Round.

Mr Sutherland, who was nicknamed "Peter the Great" by one Gatt envoy, accepts that political events were crucial to the world trade agreement.

"The collapse of the Soviet Union brought about a recognition that we were going to be a global market," he said. "And it was recognised that competition was the key to a global free market."

Mr Sutherland has no illusions about the creation of the WTO meaning the end of trade disputes. "But," he said, "it will channel tensions."



Renato Ruggiero, left, and Peter Sutherland

Economic reforms needed to counter strong franc policy

From Mr Rupert Swyer

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky (April 20), makes some telling points about the impending French economic policy crunch. Unfortunately, he barely mentions the "real" economy. For years (at least since 1979 to my certain knowledge), senior figures in the monetary policy establishment have been calling for faster deregulation, improved education and training, tax reform and the reduction of subsidies.

They have argued that these are the vital counterpart to the strong franc policy — without them, efforts to shadow the mark would produce the shambles into which France has blundered. A recent report to the Prime Minister by the French Planning Commission reiterates many of these recommendations with considerable urgency. It remains to be seen if the next president, Chirac or U N Autre, will have the perspicacity, courage and political skill to push through such changes in the teeth of fierce opposition from many sectors of French society.

Yours faithfully,
RUPERT SWYER,
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75012 Paris.

Facts behind BA's scaremongering over Terminal 5

From Councillor Barbara Reid

Sir, Sir Colin Marshall, chairman of British Airways, is indulging in the usual unnecessary scaremongering we have come to expect from supporters of a fifth terminal at Heathrow when he says he is searching Europe for a "second home" should Terminal 5 not go ahead. He should instead look east to the greatly under-utilised Stansted where I am sure he would be greatly welcomed by British Airports Authority.

On the other hand I thank Sir Colin for his comment that without Terminal 5, 30 million people would be prevented from using Heathrow as this bears out opponents' greatest fears of just how big and intrusive T5 would be. Sir Colin's comments that no second runway would be needed (presumably he means a third runway as there are already two) and that noise levels are falling all the time are equally flawed. In ruling out (only) the RUCATSE (Runway Capacity in the South East) proposals for a third runway the Secretary of State for Transport also requested investigation into optimising the use of existing runway capacity. To us locals this means only one thing — the end of the current alternation which gives us periodic welcome relief from aircraft noise.

As for falling noise levels, nothing can get away from BAA's own estimation of an additional 40,000 aircraft movements per year with T5.

As for the economic benefits, these have by no means been proved but even if they were, planning always balances these with the environmental impact. If Sir Colin received notice of a planning application for a noisy, polluting, night-disturbing operation at the bottom of his garden he would be quite right to oppose it regardless of how many jobs it created. If I was his local councillor I would support him because I would know exactly how he felt.

Yours faithfully,
BARBARA REID,
London Borough of Hounslow,
Civic Centre,
Lampton Road,
Hounslow.

The VAT man giveth

From Mr Alexander Adams

Sir, I suppose I should not be surprised. The Inland Revenue has just decided that part of the VAT which sports clubs finally retrieved from 1990 will be subject to Corporation Tax. The VAT man giveth, the Revenue man taketh away.

Yours faithfully,
A. G. J. ADAMS,
12 Wardlaw Drive,
Rutherglen, Strathclyde.

Modest building society enterprise

From Denis Christian

Sir, B. C. Barton (Letters, April 25) refers to the salary of the chief executive of the Northern Rock Building Society as being of £300,000 and goes on to describe that institution as being "a comparitively modest enterprise".

The Northern Rock can be just a little immodest in its behaviour, and it may be that the executive is being rewarded for his sheer effrontery in being able to get away with charging arrangement fee, actuaries fee, completion fee, new insurance and valuation fee on what was, in effect a reduced replacement loan on moving house.

Yours faithfully,
DENIS CHRISTIAN,
37 Swanscombe Road,
Chiswick.

The alternative levers of control

From G. P. Hewlett

Sir, There is a distinct possibility that in the current global currency crisis the Bank of England may have to raise the bank rate to support sterling. However, the bank rate is the one and only lever used for the engine of protecting sterling, easing inflation and controlling the economy generally.

Defending sterling by raising the bank rate adversely affects our fragile recovery. Conversely, easing the bank rate to boost the economy endangers sterling.

As we are in unconventional times we must adopt an unconventional model of control. One such new model would use more than one lever which will allow a wider range of options together with finite control over various financial activities. The three levers would be the headline rate of interest; the intermediate rate of interest and the discount rate of interest. The headline rate would apply to currency and securities. The intermediate rate would apply to personal loans, credit cards, credit sales and similar transactions and would be the basic weapon against inflation, allowing excess demand to be throttled back. The discount rate would apply to business and investment loans as well as to domestic mortgages.

By separating these activities there would be stability of interest rates for the most vital factors of our fledgling recovery, without the fear of rising inflation.

I hesitate to suggest that this is the perfect model, and am quite prepared to be shot down in flames.

Yours faithfully,
G. P. HEWLETT,
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Groland Euro	205.00	217.00	- 1.30	0.70
Groland Eqt Bd	111.90	118.00		2.88
Groland Gilt	73.56	75.83	- 0.25	5.26
Groland Japan	156.70	165.60	+ 0.30	.
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS 01203 553 231				
General Acc	546.40	581.30†	+ 0.20	2.86
General Inc	476.40	506.90†	+ 0.30	2.86
UK Growth Acc	367.40	390.80†	+ 0.10	3.00
UK Growth Inc	248.00	263.90†	+ 0.10	3.00
Higher Inc Acc	681.70	725.30†	+ 0.80	4.17
Higher Inc Inc	386.60	411.50†	+ 0.40	4.17
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	187.10	197.60†	- 1.10	5.98
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	88.30	93.27†	- 0.51	5.98
Nth America	268.30	285.50†	+ 0.20	
Europe	277.40	295.20†	- 0.90	0.88
Brit Exempt	73.08	77.76	- 0.95	3.12
Bri Frndmts Acc	102.20	108.80†		4.86
Bri Frndmts Inc	73.30	77.98†	- 0.03	4.86
Global Opps	85.16	90.68	- 0.08	0.50
Balanced Acc	54.50	58.72†		3.14
Balanced Inc	52.80	56.18†		3.14
Japan Acc	46.78	48.78	- 0.07	
Pac Basin Acc	337.50	359.10	- 1.60	1.00
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilt & Fixed Int	127.00	134.80	- 0.50	7.42
High Inc Equity	159.30	170.40†	- 0.20	4.62
Worldwide Bond	271.70	288.10†	- 2.90	4.51
Capital Growth				
American Growth	279.70	299.50	+ 1.50	1.08
Asian Pacific	287.30	305.60	+ 0.30	
Assets & Earnings	357.50	373.90†	- 2.90	3.03
Comdty & Energy	97.57	103.80	- 0.30	.13
Euro Capital Inc	134.50	143.90†	- 0.70	.67
(Accum Units)	144.30	154.20	- 0.80	.67
General	233.90	248.80	- 0.20	2.19
Japan	117.60	125.80	- 0.60	
Mastertrust	137.80	147.50	- 0.10	1.92
UK Growth Dist	113.70	121.60†	+ 0.80	3.17
US Emerging Cos	129.80	138.10	+ 0.50	
Income & Growth	380.60	404.90	- 8.00	3.09
Ethical	66.48	70.72	+ 0.08	3.11
International	110.90	117.80	- 0.30	1.11
Dividend & Growth	80.07	83.90	- 0.01	4.40
Global Gwth & Sec	67.42	71.93	- 0.05	2.71
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£17.04	£17.38		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	44.86	46.58†	- 0.04	0.66
Cash	50.35	50.35	+ 0.01	5.81
Emerging Mkts	63.48	67.67	- 0.36	0.06
European	112.10	117.20	- 0.50	
Exempt	946.10	£10.09†	+ 2.40	1.84
Extra Income #	44.58	47.61	- 0.07	6.33
Far East Emg Eco	104.80	111.20	- 0.60	0.56
Fixed Interest #	21.69	22.76†	- 0.27	9.06
Fund Inv Tst	155.30	163.50†	- 0.10	1.03
Japan	181.60	190.80	+ 0.90	
Latin American	49.13	51.56	- 0.61	0.95
Pacific	69.40	73.27†	- 0.38	0.36
Property Share	59.05	61.98	- 0.02	2.20
UK Emerging Cos	60.52	63.53	+ 0.12	1.95
UK Growth	43.48	46.05†	+ 0.06	2.55
Aber World Port #	71.25	72.42	- 0.17	2.26
Ethical	60.62	63.63	- 0.23	2.77
Aberdeen Gth Inc #	49.21	49.21	- 0.06	7.63
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 549 3232				
British Growth	69.43	73.38†	+ 0.10	3.00
British Income	79.90	84.34†	+ 0.07	3.79
Select Portfolio	84.29	89.67†	+ 0.30	.
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 01452 305 958				
Amity Income	73.42	77.90†		2.66
Income Builder Inc	68.66	73.04	+ 0.12	3.00
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC IFA dlg: 01793 610 368 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	229.70	245.50†	+ 0.60	3.19
Capital	404.80	432.70†	+ 1.40	1.91
Balanced	680.80	727.70†	- 1.90	2.73
Accumulator	£12.56	£13.42	+ 3.00	3.02
Income Trusts				
American Income	48.06	51.37	+ 0.08	3.47
High Income	391.00	417.90	+ 1.10	3.69
Equity Income	219.90	235.00	+ 0.80	3.54
High Yield	234.80	251.00†	- 0.60	3.46
Govt Securities	32.35	34.15†	- 0.11	6.21
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	149.40	159.70†	- 0.10	0.44
European Growth	34.16	36.40	- 0.32	0.01
International	153.80	164.40†	- 0.70	0.20
Japan	192.20	204.80†	- 0.10	0.01
Pacific	356.10	380.60	- 1.30	0.01
Secs of America	431.00	458.50†	+ 1.60	0.50
Wwide Asset Val	46.37	49.56	- 0.23	0.24
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	520.00	555.80	+ 1.00	2.30
Conv & Gilt	42.01	44.90	- 0.07	5.17
Smaller Cos	164.30	175.60	+ 0.50	1.26
2nd Smaller Cos	155.40	166.10	+ 0.70	1.46
Recovery	136.10	145.40†	- 0.50	1.80
Met Min & Cdty	144.80	154.70†	- 0.80	0.77
Oseas Earnings	347.90	371.80†	+ 1.10	1.61
Technology	165.30	176.50	+ 0.30	0.01
UK Special Sits	463.80	495.80	- 2.00	1.75
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01293 526 911				
Crscnt Ost Pens	99.53	103.40	+ 0.50	3.04
Foundtn Penl Pens	61.30	63.68	+ 0.34	1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 600 0033				
Capital	70.80	75.11	- 0.11	2.16
International	61.59	65.52		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 0131 222 4242				
America	255.20	274.20	+ 0.60	..
Bond	110.10	115.80†	- 0.30	7.08
Brit Smlr Cos	97.67	103.90	+ 0.30	4.47
Conv & Gen #	63.54	67.60	- 0.86	5.81
Europe	215.80	229.60	- 2.50	0.85
Euro Smlr Cos	96.38	102.50	- 0.80	0.62
Income Gwth	334.60	356.00		4.34
Japan	301.80	320.70	+ 1.60	..
Latin American	83.84	87.92	- 1.02	..
Pacific	97.76	104.00		1.45
UK Smlr Cos	51.89	55.20	+ 0.61	1.41
Japan Fd	660.60	680.80†	+ 9.20	.
Mngd Fd	169.90	180.60		3.13
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	280.20	294.90		1.04
Capital Gwth	108.70	114.40		2.80
Wwide Opps	176.20	185.50		0.93
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bist Inv Fd Inc	337.80	351.90†	- 1.10	3.04
European Bd Inc	89.52	92.71	- 0.08	7.75
Exempt	71.91	78.71†	- 0.17	4.40
Financial	74.53	79.71	- 0.12	2.82
500.0	430.70	460.70	+ 1.20	2.75
General	267.30	286.20†	- 0.90	3.94
Property	244.80	256.10		6.53
Trustee	180.00	192.30	- 0.10	2.55
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	102.40	102.40†	+ 0.10	5.17
Extra Income	114.80	122.80†	- 0.30	4.32
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.44	58.35	- 0.14	8.72
Income	512.60	548.30	- 1.0	4.13
Income Builder	60.96	64.86	- 0.03	4.94
Intl Income	60.36	64.21	- 0.08	3.78
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	116.60	124.30	- 0.20	2.63
Leisure	124.00	132.60		1.59
Recovery	411.80	440.40	- 1.30	2.84
Smllr Cos Inc	42.87	45.98	+ 0.04	2.42
Special Sits	279.20	298.60	- 0.40	1.84
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	127.80	135.50	- 0.50	0.51
Aust Acc	234.60	249.60	- 0.90	2.04
Aust Inc	144.30	153.50	- 0.60	2.04
Euro Gwth Inc	147.70	156.90	- 0.60	1.15
(Accum Units)	158.10	167.90	- 0.70	1.15
Japan & Gen Inc	165.60	175.60	+ 2.30	
(Accum Units)	167.70	177.60	+ 2.30	
Japan Spec Sits	76.84	81.40	+ 1.04	0.10
Unv Tech Inc	78.67	83.60	- 0.28	0.04
Worldwide	162.70	172.80	- 0.60	0.99
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 214 1004				
American Growth	90.85	96.40	- 0.15	
Amer Smlr Cos	125.20	134.20	+ 0.90	
Convertibles	52.25	56.45†	- 0.23	5.70
Eastern	247.50	267.90	- 0.60	0.30
Equity Income	84.27	90.48†	- 0.02	4.90
European Growth	297.00	315.10†	- 3.60	0.80
Europe	211.80	225.20	- 1.80	0.30
German Growth	72.81	77.25	- 0.49	0.50
Global Bond	62.38	65.65	- 0.26	6.20
Global Growth	122.90	130.80	- 0.30	
Japan Growth	183.30	194.50	+ 0.30	
Japan Sunrise	148.20	157.10	- 1.30	
Korea Trust	73.52	81.56	- 0.10	
Portfolio	126.70	135.70	- 0.10	1.80
(Accum Units)	233.10	249.60	- 0.30	1.80
UK Growth	82.25	88.56	+ 0.18	2.20
UK Smaller Cos	78.21	85.51†	+ 0.24	1.80
Select Managers	73.67	77.86†	- 0.03	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	74.13	78.86		
Special Oppor Inc	53.98	57.43		
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	106.79	113.00†	- 0.05	1.87
(Accum Units)	121.14	128.19	- 0.06	1.87
Smaller Cos	102.65	108.82†	- 0.64	1.28
Higher Yield #	43.94	46.39†		4.70
American Gth Inc	70.47	74.57	- 0.21	
European Growth	131.61	139.33†	- 0.03	0.26
(Accum Units)	134.26	142.07	- 0.03	0.26
Global Bond Inc #	26.54	27.50	- 0.04	7.37
Mngd Ptflo Inc	40.65	43.00†	- 0.05	1.67
(Accum Units)	41.33	43.83	- 0.05	1.67
Intl Spec Opps	107.67	114.15	- 1.80	
Pacific Gth	118.14	125.01	- 1.07	
Formerly LAS				
UK General #	75.56	79.35	- 0.23	3.60
(Accum Units) #	77.87	81.87	- 0.23	3.60
Japan	58.84	62.27	- 0.08	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	94.60	98.03	- 0.23	7.48
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	62.87	62.68	- 0.10	6.43
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0161 837 5060				
Eastern	152.80	162.60	- 0.20	1.81
UK Growth	166.20	176.90	- 0.30	2.43
UK Income	129.70	137.00†	- 0.20	4.62
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	184.00	195.00	+ 0.10	2.03
-do- Income Dist	104.90	111.20†	- 0.20	4.50
(Accum Units)	325.30	342.70	- 0.20	4.50
Gilt & Fxd Int	39.12	41.47	- 0.20	6.66
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 0161 236 5685 Enq 0161 236 5685 Dlg 0161 236 5362				
American & Gen	153.70	163.60†	+ 0.30	
European Inc	77.31	81.94	- 0.61	0.56
Smaller Cos (4-1)	78.72	83.75	- 0.25	2.06
Growth	415.10	441.60	- 0.90	2.39
Income & Growth	400.10	425.70	- 1.50	3.06
(Accum Units)	570.90	607.40	- 2.20	4.06
Japan & Gen	71.62	75.97†	+ 0.36	
Master Portfolio	£99.82	£103.41†	- 2.00	2.49
(Accum Units)	£119.71	£124.82	- 3.00	2.49
Special Sits	95.67	101.79	- 0.05	2.27
High Yield	£12.79	£13.19†	- 21.00	4.59
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	82.51	88.03	- 0.04	2.49
American Portfolio	91.69	97.70	- 0.04	1.19
European Portfolio	94.65	100.82†	- 0.70	0.79
Japanese Portfolio	64.10	68.04	- 0.17	
Pacific Portfolio	128.34	138.01	+ 0.60	0.96
UK Inc & Growth	74.18	79.56†	- 0.72	3.33
Utility & Bond	52.70	53.35	- 1.16	7.17
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG 0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	649.35	656.50		4.74
Fxd Int Sec	147.00	147.25		9.78
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0171 332 5000				
UK General Tst	62.98	67.00	+ 0.84	2.97
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD 0171 588 1815				
Inc	639.46	642.94		4.87
Accum	£27.51	£27.82		
Fixed Int Inc	119.75	120.65	.	8.56
Fixed Int Acc	180.20	190.88		
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 0171 837 7687				
Intl Growth	110.00	120.72		
UK Income	102.89	112.21	...	5.300
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	77.28	81.85		1.48
Beck Bio-Tech	26.24	27.81		
Accm Ethical Tst	150.93	158.47		0.71
City Fin Asset	68.70	72.13†	+ 1.05	1.85
City Fin America	87.91	92.31†		
City Fin Intl	74.44	78.17†		0.93
City Fin Japan	161.26	169.34		
Frtess Hse Cap	269.74	293.07	+ 2.30	1.88
Frtess Hse Inc	185.03	200.94†	- 2.74	4.20
Buckley Wrld Grth	120.09	127.28†		
Falmnd Cap Gth	130.58	139.08		
Falmouth Intl	141.37	151.15		
City Fin Pflo Inc	52.49	56.91	..	4.32
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	51.92	55.69	- 0.01	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	58.71	62.79	+ 0.16	
Atlas Mngd Gwth	35.77	38.26	- 0.07	0.63
Dragon Growth	60.89	64.91†	- 0.31	0.67
Equity High Inc	81.26	86.45	+ 0.15	4.20
(Accum Units)	110.11	117.14	+ 0.20	4.20
European Gwth	51.04	54.30	- 0.30	1.21
Evergreen	26.60	28.45	- 0.02	
General Equity	82.83	87.67	- 0.04	2.92
Japan Growth	51.21	54.77	+ 0.17	
Pedigree Gwth	50.21	53.41	+ 0.03	2.88
Ret Sov Cos Inc	29.25	31.12†	- 0.16	1.65
(Accum Units)	30.62	32.57†	+ 0.07	1.65
Retirement Inc #	25.18	26.79†	- 0.10	5.87
Special Sits	37.04	39.40	+ 0.01	2.20
UK & Overseas	47.08	50.08	- 0.09	1.43
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 01634 898 000				
Capital	67.95	72.63	- 0.03	2.05
Income	61.14	64.81	+ 0.01	4.15
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	153.67	163.48†	+ 0.34	5.35
Fixed & Convertible	37.91	40.33†	- 0.01	7.45
Monthly Inc Plus	46.10	49.04†	- 0.37	9.14
Preference Share	44.36	47.19†	- 0.02	8.00
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	117.43	124.93†	- 0.05	6.50
Managed Fund	65.86	70.17†	- 0.12	3.23
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	36.43	38.76†	+ 0.05	2.07
(Accum Units)	42.40	45.11†	+ 0.06	2.07
UK & General	77.64	82.60†	+ 0.07	3.16
(Accum Units)	98.45	104.73†	+ 0.07	3.16
UK Growth	143.94	153.13†	+ 0.02	2.75
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	183.69	195.41†	- 1.15	0.22
Far Eastern Grth	121.03	128.76†	- 0.17	.
Global Bond	76.30	80.98†	- 0.45	6.17
Japan Growth	116.52	123.96†	+ 1.59	.
North Amer Grth	167.17	177.84†	- 0.48	
Oriental Growth	69.94	74.40†	- 0.32	0.11
Worldwide Growth	64.28	68.38†	+ 0.07	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.79	91.79†	+ 0.03	6.07
Homemaker Fund	76.69	81.59	- 0.19	1.85
Quilter Fund	125.65	133.67	- 0.16	2.42
For Confederation see Sun Life of Canada				
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	30.29	32.50		3.42
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358				
Growth	141.00	150.10†	+ 0.20	1.88
Income	66.89	71.16		5.02
European	60.10	63.94	- 0.43	0.89
Recovery	155.00	164.90†	+ 0.80	1.91
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	820.50	834.10	..	3.66
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	74.28	79.02	+ 0.19	0.47
Income #	232.40	247.20†	+ 0.30	4.70
(Accum Units) #	584.30	621.50†	+ 0.70	4.70
Smaller Cos	158.50	168.60	+ 0.70	0.61
(Accum Units)	193.80	206.10	+ 0.80	0.61
Inv Portfolio	77.72	82.88	- 0.09	1.45
High Inc Port #	68.25	72.60	- 0.17	4.78
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.28	£15.64	.	.
Japan Small Cos	£12.04	£12.28	.	.
UK Small Cos	£17.13	£17.88	.	
US Small Cos	£16.13	£16.47	.	
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	198.00	208.40	..	3.26
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	269.80	285.20	- 3.70	0.98
New Asia	193.20	206.50	- 0.80	0.18
Japan Growth	111.80	119.10	+ 0.90	..
Jap Smllr Co	436.40	464.10†	+ 4.10	
Mid Amer	269.10	285.30	+ 1.10	0.83
Sbltd Asia Pac Mt	110.80	117.30	- 0.80	0.38
UK Inc & Grth	209.20	223.40†	+ 0.30	2.98
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	139.20	148.10	- 0.20	1.81
UK High Inc Inc	146.30	155.60†	- 3.20	4.63
(Accum Units)	187.30	199.30†	- 4.00	4.63
UK Pref & F I Inc	57.91	60.50	- 0.19	5.18
Envnmntl Opps	83.98	89.34†	- 0.80	1.05
UK Smlr Cos Inc	49.60	52.77	+ 0.23	.
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 090 526				
American	123.20	130.70	+ 0.20	1.34
Convertibles #	20.05	21.30†	+ 0.04	6.57
Equity Income #	123.70	131.40	- 0.30	4.03
Eurofund	44.64	47.42	- 0.29	0.42
Financial	42.94	45.62	- 0.06	1.84
Growth & Inc #	232.50	247.00	+ 0.50	3.12
High Dist #	150.20	159.60	- 3.20	4.70
International	373.00	396.30	- 1.00	0.13
Int Cap Inc	90.08	96.18†	- 0.37	2.86
Latin American	37.11	39.80	- 0.48	
Pacific	72.44	76.97	- 0.31	
Preference Share	20.83	22.13†	- 0.07	7.48
Tokyo	222.70	236.60	+ 3.20	.
UK Smaller Cos	218.50	232.20†	- 2.60	1.18
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 0171 242 0242				
Ebon Trust	207.76	221.97	+ 4.51	0.86
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	194.90	207.30		0.93
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 01296 431 480				
European	79.22	83.44	- 0.65	2.03
Ethical Tst	41.31	43.48	- 0.01	1.43
Far Eastern	281.72	296.55	- 1.24	2.04
High Income	129.49	136.30	+ 0.35	4.92
Intl Growth	115.53	121.61	- 0.17	1.15
North American	110.82	116.65	- 0.13	1.29
Pelican	113.60	119.58†	+ 0.35	3.55
Smaller Cos	63.78	67.14	+ 0.17	2.95
Special Sits	84.33	88.77	+ 0.18	2.86
Tst of Inv Tsts	174.02	183.18	+ 0.04	1.82
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	192.16	200.17†	+ 0.54	1.59
Smaller Cos Acc	337.77	351.84†	+ 0.94	1.59
Recovery	48.81	50.84	+ 0.33	1.40
Recovery Acc	49.33	51.39	+ 0.34	1.40
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 01392 412 144				
Balanced	108.99	113.82†	- 3.16	6.11
Capital Growth	78.48	84.16	+ 0.06	
Fd of Inv Tsts	42.64	45.48	+ 0.01	0.64
High Income #	39.22	42.03†	+ 0.02	10.94
Warrant	48.16	52.35	- 0.07	
Zero Preference	37.70	40.00	+ 0.05	.
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	76.28	81.14†	- 0.190	2.99
Family Income Tst	43.06	43.06†		6.75
Family Trust	82.55	87.82†	- 0.310	1.75
United Charities	254.40	270.60		4.32
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD Callfree. Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.70
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	26.76	28.86	- 0.04	7.57
Intl Bond	28.87	29.75†	- 0.08	4.98
Income Funds				
High Income	23.31	24.53†	- 0.14	5.07
Income Plus	106.60	113.40		3.96
Amer Eq Inc	47.18	49.95†	- 0.04	1.77
European Income	40.82	43.41	- 0.20	1.47
Far East Inc	64.40	68.39	- 0.02	2.71
Global Convertible	22.10	23.58	+ 0.01	3.37
UK Div Gwth	23.92	25.44		1.99
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	56.82	60.61	- 0.03	
American	247.30	262.00	+ 1.10	
Amer Spec Sits	117.90	125.80	.	
Japan Smaller Cos	36.75	39.20	+ 0.52	
European	165.90	176.00	- 0.29	
European Opps	61.71	65.62†	- 0.38	
Global Priv	24.22	25.76†	- 0.06	0.75
UK Growth	88.56	94.17	- 0.03	
Growth & Inc	138.40	147.20	- 0.10	2.06
Intl PEP	36.13	38.42	- 0.02	
Japan Spec Sits	89.43	95.08	- 0.38	..
Japan	189.50	201.60	+ 1.10	
Managed Intl	270.20	287.70	+ 0.50	
Moneybuilder	51.35	54.60	+ 0.09	
Recovery	46.00	48.92	- 0.04	
South E Asia	138.40	147.20	- 0.80	
Special Sits	499.60	531.30	- 1.20	
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	109.14	109.14	- 0.04	5.70
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	132.50	135.20†		1.90
Inc Ptfolo #	83.29	84.88	- 0.01	3.50
Cap Ptfolio	138.30	140.80	+ 0.20	1.27
General Opps	117.70	119.60†		3.50
Growth Inc	29.80	30.42†	- 0.25	1.75
Private Portfolio	397.40	405.40	.	1.30
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
European	111.50	117.60	- 0.70	0.36
Emrg Asian	152.30	162.90	- 0.10	
High Income	20.86	22.11†	- 0.16	10.18
Oseas Income	88.54	94.53	- 0.65	3.32
UK Growth	104.90	112.40	- 0.10	1.31
UK Income	103.20	110.20†	- 1.90	3.83
US Smaller Cos	299.60	320.40	+ 1.10	0.15
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 0171 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	45.39	48.78	- 0.02	3.35
-do- Inv Tst Inc	71.91	75.61†	- 0.09	3.86
Intl Growth	64.69	68.02		
Investment Trust	86.30	90.75†		
UK Smaller Cos	80.27	84.41	- 0.23	0.97
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 374 4100				
American Growth	55.27	59.06	- 0.22	
(Accum Units)	55.27	59.06	- 0.22	
Amer Smlr Cos	466.20	498.60	- 0.70	
(Accum Units)	476.20	509.30	- 0.70	
Capital Tst	297.60	316.50†	- 0.30	1.61
(Accum Units)	427.90	455.10†	- 0.50	1.61
Contl Smlls Cos	57.45	61.61	- 0.44	0.58
(Accum Units)	60.41	64.89	- 0.46	0.58
Convertible	121.30	128.00		5.87
(Accum Units)	245.00	260.60	- 0.10	5.87
Emerging Markets	61.67	65.68	- 0.15	0.24
(Accum Units)	61.73	65.84	- 0.15	0.24
European	116.20	123.40	- 0.80	0.14
(Accum Units)	121.70	129.30	- 0.80	0.14
Extra Income	325.90	346.60	+ 0.30	4.14
(Accum Units)	489.50	520.60	+ 0.30	4.14
Financial	118.20	127.20†	- 0.20	0.38
(Accum Units)	125.20	134.70†	- 0.20	0.39
Gilt Trust	61.27	63.18†	- 0.39	6.84
(Accum Units)	87.60	90.64†	- 0.55	6.84
Health Fund Inc	132.80	141.80	- 0.20	...
(Accum Units)	132.80	141.80	- 0.20	
Income & Growth	188.40	200.40	- 0.30	3.32
(Accum Units)	284.60	302.70	- 0.40	3.32
Intl Growth	347.30	371.40†	- 0.50	
(Accum Units)	385.70	412.50†	- 0.40	.
Japan & Gen	166.60	177.00	+ 2.00	
(Accum Units)	169.50	179.70	+ 2.00	
Monthly Inc	157.40	167.30†	+ 0.40	4.08
Managed Fnd Inc	100.25	105.60		1.79
(Accum Units)	107.50	113.20†		1.79
Quarterly Income	51.28	54.54	- 0.07	4.74
(Accum Units)	55.84	59.54	- 0.08	4.74
Recovery	328.60	348.60	+ 0.80	0.13
(Accum Units)	383.80	410.30	+ 0.90	0.13
UK Growth	53.49	57.19	+ 0.02	2.79
(Accum Units)	55.33	59.15	+ 0.02	2.78
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP Am Smllr Cos	113.70	121.80	- 0.40	0.0
FP Asian Growth	233.30	249.50	- 3.30	0.0
FP Australian	313.30	335.10	- 1.90	0.0
FP Equity Dist	378.80	402.90	..	2.81
-do- Accum	799.80	850.60	..	2.81
FP Euro Gth Dist	146.00	155.30	..	0.75
-do- Accum	152.20	161.90	..	0.75
FP Fixed Int Dist	128.40	136.70†	..	7.37
-do- Accum	240.30	253.90†	..	7.37
FP Intl Bond	56.39	59.64	+ 0.10	4.86
FP Intl Gth Dist	93.57	98.35	..	0.74
-do- Accum	94.78	100.80	..	0.74
FP Nth Amer Dist	185.30	196.20	..	1.11
-do- Accum	204.70	216.20	..	1.11
FP Pac Basin Acc	194.60	208.00	.	
FP Income	53.61	57.18	- 0.49	5.20
(Accum Units)	173.50	185.00	- 1.60	5.20
FP Jap Smllr Cos	317.50	338.60	+ 8.20	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	69.53	74.20	- 0.65	5.98
FP Stg Deposit	100.46	100.46	+ 0.10	6.25
FP Tokyo	87.84	93.46	+ 0.09	0.0
FP UK Focus	35.24	37.89	- 0.28	1.91
FP UK Growth	168.00	179.30	- 1.30	2.78
(Accum Units)	325.30	345.90	- 2.70	2.78
Stewardship Dist	329.20	350.20	..	2.93
-do- Accum	402.70	428.30	..	2.93
Stewdship Inc Dist	69.74	74.19	..	3.77
-do- Accum	90.47	96.24	..	3.77
N Am Stshp Dist	93.12	99.06	..	0.85
-do- Accum	98.99	105.30	..	0.85
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	106.30	113.00	- 0.10	1.13
Open Cap Gth Acc	107.20	114.00	+ 0.10	0.26
Cap Gth Inc Inc	102.70	109.20	- 0.10	2.59
Cap Gth Inc Acc	105.10	111.80	- 0.10	2.59
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	104.80	111.40	+ 0.20	3.05
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	107.30	114.10	+ 0.20	3.05
HM Unit Trusts				
American	45.49	48.39	+ 0.13	1.09
European	202.00	214.30	- 1.70	0.75
(Accum Units)	219.60	232.80	- 2.0	0.75
Intl	31.53	33.84	- 0.10	0.93
(Accum Units)	45.72	48.79	- 0.14	0.93
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	231.40	244.70†	- 3.90	2.52
Cash	49.27	50.01†	- 0.48	5.32
Growth Portfolio	74.73	79.21	- 0.02	1.04
Income Portfolio	61.35	64.88†	- 0.03	4.75
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD 0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	188.20	201.30	+ 1.20	1.42
Dividend	86.06	92.04	- 0.22	3.85
Intl Gth & Inc	215.10	230.10	- 1.20	3.05
UK & Gen	43.14	46.14	- 0.13	1.81
Fund of Funds	60.93	65.17†	+ 0.15	
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 710 4567 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Asian Spec Sits	186.50	199.50†	- 0.70	..
European	542.80	579.30	- 2.10	0.34
Far East & Gen	231.90	248.10	+ 2.30	..
Germany	113.20	119.90	- 1.10	.
Income Inc	150.50	161.00	- 0.10	4.55
(Accum Units)	162.70	174.00		4.55
International	304.00	325.20	+ 1.30	
Intl Income	79.13	83.81	- 0.25	4.05
Japan & General	379.00	402.90†	+ 2.50	
Korean Securities	63.41	67.82	+ 0.33	
Smllr Cos Div Inc	42.80	45.78	+ 0.13	5.24
UK Capital Inc	162.70	174.00		1.33
UK Capital Acc	284.50	304.30	+ 0.10	1.33
UK Spec Sits	79.28	84.80	+ 0.21	0.72
US & General	138.90	147.90†	- 0.40	..
Wwide Spec Sits	139.09	149.80†	+ 0.40	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 0171 782 2000 Digs only 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	47.34	50.81	+ 0.02	2.95
Cash Trust	137.64	137.64	+ 0.04	5.23
Practical Inv Inc #	111.88	119.60†	+ 0.05	3.31
(Accum Units) #	255.79	273.57†	+ 0.12	3.31
UK Index	146.62	148.10	+ 0.11	3.42
UK Smaller Cos	122.07	130.56	+ 0.71	1.06
Income Funds				
Preference Share	23.72	25.37†	- 0.02	9.14
High Income	31.57	33.76†	- 0.31	6.39
UK Equity Income	129.64	138.65	- 0.43	3.55
Global Bond	28.05	29.07†	- 0.11	5.16
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	43.79	46.83†	- 0.09	..
Global Inc & Gth	126.21	134.32†	- 0.23	2.29
Gold & Intl Res	102.07	109.17	+ 0.04	..
Global Utilities	123.72	132.29	- 0.43	1.48
Overseas Funds				
American	143.05	152.44	+ 0.34	1.19
European	100.76	106.84	- 0.54	1.39
Euro Sel Opps	146.01	155.03	- 0.85	.
Amer Emerging	100.29	107.26	- 0.08	.
Hong Kong	123.03	131.73	- 1.55	1.88
Japan	236.08	250.74	+ 8.28	..
Pacific Growth	196.53	210.19	- 0.35	1.57
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	210.25	210.25†	- 0.08	2.24
Long Term Bal	229.54	229.54†	- 0.28	3.28
Med Term Bal	195.47	195.47†	- 0.53	3.77
UK Equity	240.88	240.88†	- 0.31	2.69
UK Emerging Cos	138.13	138.13	+ 0.37	2.34
American	235.79	235.79	+ 1.02	1.55
Japan	113.33	113.33	+ 8.34	
European	261.74	261.74	- 1.58	1.42
Index Linked Gilt	169.45	169.45	- 0.45	2.95
Fixed Interest	156.10	156.10†	- 0.94	6.73
Amer Emerges	256.72	256.72	- 0.06	0.12
Pacific	212.21	212.21	+ 0.04	1.13
Emerging Mkts	118.12	118.12	- 0.83	0.63
Index Strat Japan	155.21	155.21	+ 1.56	0.35
-do- Pacific Rim	164.92	164.92	- 1.11	1.55
-do- Contl Europe	151.16	151.16	- 0.78	2.00
Index Strat USA	136.00	136.00	+ 0.31	2.24
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	99.09	105.42	- 0.04	.
Med Term Bal	92.88	98.81	- 0.26	..
Long Term Bal	103.13	109.71	- 0.13	
UK Equity	111.26	118.38	- 0.15	...
UK Emerging Cos	64.71	68.54	- 0.18	
American	109.10	116.08	+ 0.50	.
Japan	54.29	57.75	+ 8.17	.
European	108.81	115.75	- 0.69	
Fixed Interest	78.88	83.91	- 0.51	
Index Linked Gilt	75.19	79.99	- 0.21	
Deposit	81.07	86.25	+ 0.03	.
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Intl Grth	113.90	121.20	+ 0.10	
Berkeley Income #	109.90	118.90		4.15
BWH Intl	133.62	140.65	+ 0.24	0.60
Brettl Gth Port Inc	60.72	64.08	+ 0.04	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	55.62	58.70†	+ 0.01	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	52.07	54.98	+ 8.13	0.10
Shaw Utilities	53.76	56.74†	- 0.46	3.05
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 6990				
& Intl Inc	534.09	568.18		1.83
(Accum Units)	594.01	631.93	...	1.83
European Inc	140.97	149.97		1.10
Amalgam Inc	139.37	147.29		
N America Inc	326.53	347.37		.
Far East Inc	315.53	335.67		
(Accum Units)	326.79	347.64		
UK Dvnd Inc	174.00	185.11	.	1.65
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	87.10	93.15	- 0.10	4.93
UK Small Cos	48.93	50.19	- 1.48	1.02
British Growth	53.82	57.55†	- 1.40	2.61
American Gwth	169.63	181.41	- 2.01	
Japan Gwth	71.26	76.27	+ 1.62	
Greater China	167.48	179.11	- 0.70	..
Pacific Strategy	145.50	155.60	- 0.32	..
European Gwth	85.81	91.31	- 0.20	0.29
Intl Growth	143.11	153.05	- 0.72	..
US Index (F)	13.47	14.20†	- 0.09	4.60
FT-SE Mid 250 Inc	73.45	79.41	- 0.05	2.48
Monthly Income	37.02	39.51†	- 0.29	8.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0053				
Gvt Uk Index (S)	10.56	11.15†	- 0.07	3.99
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	85.38	93.83		1.69
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 0171 538 9668				
European	477.20	509.80	- 1.40	0.90
Gilt & Fixed	124.40	132.00	- 0.80	5.53
Growth Equity	322.90	344.90	- 0.80	1.84
Income Trust	128.70	137.40	- 0.10	2.98
International	176.10	188.10	+ 0.20	0.20
Japan Trust	129.70	138.50	- 0.90	
Nth American	260.40	278.10†	- 1.40	0.30
Pacific	503.10	537.50†	- 0.20	
Guardhill	492.20	521.50	- 1.10	1.87
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	96.17	101.88	- 0.50	7.33
Global High Inc	94.61	98.29†	- 0.88	6.93
Prem Fixed Int	100.72	104.55	- 0.79	8.36
Eqty & Bond Inc	100.31	106.65†	- 0.70	5.32
European Growth	102.14	109.60	- 0.25	
Intl PEP Trust	59.80	63.57	- 0.26	
High Income	119.26	126.61†	- 0.22	4.10
-do- Accum	166.25	176.76	- 0.30	4.10
Recovery	357.90	380.50†	+ 0.40	1.86
(Accum Units)	416.30	442.70	+ 1.00	1.86
St Vinc High Inc	120.72	122.53	+ 3.11	7.14
UK Emerg Cos	233.00	247.70†	- 2.40	2.04
UK Smlr Cos	343.40	346.40	- 0.40	2.57
Glob Ptrs Tst	91.52	97.26†	+ 0.15	0.97
(Accum Units)	92.35	98.18	- 0.13	0.97
Inc Share Tst	85.86	91.29	+ 0.02	8.40
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Growth	25.95	27.51	+ 0.02	1.57
Growth Acc	25.95	27.51	+ 0.02	1.57
Income	25.85	27.41		3.62
Income Acc	25.85	27.41		3.62
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
Model Ptfolo	209.60	212.93	- 0.20	2.70
Smaller Cos	30.31	32.24	+ 0.13	1.05
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT Enquiries: 01277 253 290 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	294.72	315.33	- 1.57	1.64
Bes of Britain	63.96	67.98†	- 0.03	2.91
UK Smaller Cos	120.41	128.44	- 0.61	2.04
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	276.77	294.74	+ 0.41	3.78
(Accum Units)	743.57	792.30	+ 1.10	3.78
High Income #	307.26	328.55†	+ 2.34	4.39
Extra Income #	271.68	288.92	+ 3.14	5.94
Pref & Gilt	45.21	48.59†	- 0.02	8.96
International				
International	254.50	271.16†	- 0.22	0.61
Global Bond	52.07	55.32	- 2.05	6.11
Intl Port Tst	79.46	84.93	- 6.08	0.32
Global Tech	162.46	173.23†	- 2.17	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	163.23	174.55	- 0.85	0.22
European	459.90	494.30†	- 2.50	1.11
European Income	81.26	86.77	- 0.44	2.52
Euro Smlr Cos	152.37	161.01†	- 0.73	0.56
Eur Sp Sits	69.85	74.49†	- 0.09	1.01
(Accum Units)	74.80	79.80	- 0.09	1.01
Japan Trust	194.12	206.95	- 0.39	
Japan Special Sits	207.25	220.47†	- 0.11	
Pacific Smlr Cos	219.43	234.78†	- 0.57	
North American	231.75	246.56	+ 0.24	0.33
American Smaller	104.04	111.21†	- 0.55	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 0181 686 4355				
British	97.63	102.39	- 1.00	2.29
Capital	170.00	178.00	- 1.50	1.69
Dollar	342.90	359.00†	- 1.90	
Enterprise Gth	319.50	334.50	- 3.90	1.79
European	222.20	232.60	- 2.90	1.00
Far East	289.10	302.70	- 6.80	0.52
Financial	785.00	832.40†	- 12.30	1.94
Gilt & Fixed Int Inc	24.88	25.87†	- 0.11	7.63
High Yield	103.30	107.10	- 1.00	4.97
Income & Growth	140.10	146.70†	- 4.20	3.44
International	247.70	259.30	- 2.90	0.02
Japanese General	203.70	213.30	- 1.10	.
Japan Tech	79.92	83.68	- 0.35	.
Natl Resources	69.14	72.39†	- 1.00	.
Portfolio	70.44	73.75†	- 1.00	1.36
Smaller Cos	123.90	129.70†	- 2.60	1.65
Special Sits	147.10	154.00	- 1.70	1.52
UK Emerging Cos	90.08	94.30	+ 0.35	1.04
US Smaller Cos	87.32	91.43	+ 0.02	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisers: 0800 181 890 Inv 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	99.04	105.70†	+ 0.20	5.97
Capital	580.60	619.60†	+ 0.90	2.44
Income #	554.80	592.10	+ 7.40	5.14
Footsie Fund	54.13	54.40	+ 0.03	2.78
Trade Index	104.90	112.00	- 1.80	2.10
UK Index	137.80	146.80		3.14
International Funds				
American Growth	483.60	518.10†	- 0.20	0.59
American Index	204.60	218.20	+ 0.30	1.21
European Growth	109.70	116.70	- 0.80	0.33
Eurotrack 100	158.10	169.10	+ 0.70	0.58
Global Bond	20.92	22.07	+ 0.01	6.06
Japan Growth	280.80	298.90	+ 0.80	
Japan Index	82.47	88.01	- 0.06	0.17
Japan Smlr Cos	33.97	36.25	+ 1.68	.
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	51.74	56.22	- 0.27	0.23
Hong Kong Gwth	88.39	94.33	- 0.95	1.50
Spore & Mlysn Gth	69.40	74.07	- 0.10	..
Tiger Index	183.70	196.00	- 0.80	1.48
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	30.26	31.46	+ 0.18	1.15
General Funds				
Managed	70.86	73.88	+ 0.06	1.83
Rupert Child Fnd	84.79	88.14†	- 0.10	2.48
UK Growth	59.76	62.12	+ 0.17	2.38
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	81.59	84.81	+ 0.05	6.80
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.76	26.58†	- 0.19	7.95
UK Inc & Gwth	39.72	41.29†	+ 0.03	3.79
UK Income	329.70	342.70†	+ 0.80	5.25
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	48.46	50.26	- 0.08	0.24
Amer Smllr Cos	116.10	120.70		
(Accum Units)	117.30	121.90		
Europe Gth	152.00	157.80	- 0.50	0.25
(Accum Units)	157.10	163.00	- 0.50	0.25
Euro Smaller Cos	28.18	29.17	- 0.16	.
French Growth	78.32	81.32	- 0.07	0.25
Accum Units	84.03	87.25	- 0.92	0.25
H Kong & China	68.95	71.67	- 0.82	1.83
Intl Growth	56.89	59.14	- 0.04	0.57
(Accum Units)	57.36	59.63	- 0.05	0.57
Japan Gth	32.40	33.68	+ 0.19	
Accum Units	32.40	33.68	+ 0.19	..
Japan Smaller Cos	38.30	39.81	+ 1.90	.
Glob Emg Mkts	88.93	92.44	- 0.29	.
Accum Units	89.56	93.10	- 0.30	.
SE Asia	298.70	302.20	- 1.30	0.31
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	54.68	56.37	- 0.15	5.79
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 0171 581 3020				
American Cap	131.80	140.10	+ 1.00	
Income	148.65	158.34	- 0.09	3.85
UK Growth	56.69	60.21	+ 0.14	0.56
International	74.35	79.06	+ 0.07	0.08
Ecology	80.13	85.24†	+ 0.02	1.26
European	122.64	130.24	- 0.27	...
Far Eastern	273.40	290.80	- 1.40	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	49.37	52.52	- 0.01	7.33
Gilt Yield	113.10	119.40	- 0.60	6.70
Global Income	203.00	215.90†	- 3.00	4.54
High Yield	134.10	142.70†	+ 0.11	6.21
(Accum Units)	410.40	436.60†	+ 0.22	6.21
Smllr Cos Div	48.35	52.50†	- 1.93	3.19
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	90.41	96.18	- 0.74	
North American	76.23	81.10	- 0.07	0.15
European Special	106.20	113.00	- 1.30	0.13
European	152.40	162.10	- 2.00	0.37
(Accum Units)	200.10	212.90	- 2.70	0.37
Global Eqty Inc	100.70	107.10	- 0.20	1.12
Japan	400.60	426.20†	+ 0.10	.
Japanese Special	221.10	235.20†	+ 6.80	..
Master Accum	234.40	249.40	+ 0.40	0.55
Pacific	310.10	329.90	- 0.60	..
(Accum Units)	363.60	386.80	- 0.90	
Smaller Cos	105.50	112.30	+ 8.40	0.61
UK Equity Growth	38.62	41.09	+ 0.11	1.58
UK Index Inc	272.10	275.80		4.15
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 0171 829 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	60.90	64.78		
Inv Trust	63.26	67.29	- 0.13	.
Cautious Inc/Gth	57.90	61.59	- 0.15	1.50
High Inc Acc	54.65	58.13	- 0.14	4.00
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 588 2800				
Income	561.10	572.60		6.10
Intl & General	404.00	412.20		0.44
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	252.44	268.55†	+ 0.45	5.59
Inc & Growth Inc	54.19	57.65	+ 0.21	4.70
Smaller Cos	54.94	58.45†	+ 0.18	1.52
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	242.30	257.70	+ 0.30	1.97
High Income	106.60	113.40	+ 1.10	4.43
International	96.17	102.30	- 0.20	0.66
Recovery Trust	64.64	68.76	+ 0.45	1.47
European Trust	78.79	83.18†	- 0.07	0.79
Japanese Trust	43.76	46.55	- 0.22	
American Trust	86.73	92.26†	- 0.31	0.32
Managed	65.92	70.12	- 0.17	0.71
Cash	50.20	50.20†	+ 0.01	4.67
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 374 0916				
UK Cap	363.60	369.80		2.77
UK Inc/Gth	390.70	396.60		3.50
UK Income	273.00	277.30		4.23
UK Sm Cos	230.10	238.90		2.04
Euro Gth	127.00	127.90		.
N Amer Gwth	84.31	85.19		0.28
Japan Growth	66.14	66.82		
Money Mkt	123.77	123.77		1.660
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	470.70	500.70	- 0.40	2.77
(Accum Units)	935.80	995.50	+ 0.80	2.77
Equity Income	96.91	103.10	+ 0.20	4.06
UK Tactical Alloctn	55.48	59.08†	+ 0.15	4.56
European	116.90	124.40†	- 1.30	1.24
Far Eastern	203.40	216.40	- 2.10	
Fixed Interest	50.38	53.58†	- 0.12	7.02
Gilt	86.18	91.39†	- 0.45	6.70
Global Growth	71.51	76.07	- 0.51	0.35
Intl Bond	51.66	54.88	- 0.25	4.97
Japanese	71.90	76.49	+ 0.50	
North American	145.70	155.00	- 0.70	0.99
Pacific Growth	100.20	106.60†	- 1.30	0.27
UK Index	61.92	65.35†	+ 0.05	3.24
UK Recovery	89.64	95.36†	+ 0.18	1.98
UK Smaller Cos	119.50	127.10	+ 0.40	1.66
US Index	61.26	64.65	+ 0.11	1.72
European Index	74.75	78.89	- 0.38	1.85
Japan Index	42.96	45.34	+ 0.16	0.04
Worldwide	81.57	86.78	+ 0.05	1.69
LINCOLN NATIONAL 0181 802 8878 Dealing: 0800 282 821				
Growth	50.17	53.56	+ 0.12	2.12
Income	57.78	61.78	+ 0.10	3.03
Far East	50.57	54.09†	- 0.06	0.12
North American	94.35	100.90†	- 0.20	0.0
Global	89.81	96.05†	- 0.38	0.50
European	84.47	90.16†	- 0.49	1.00
Japan	107.70	115.20	+ 8.70	0.0
Intl Currency Bd	59.46	63.10†	- 0.22	4.83
SE Asia	92.00	98.40†	- 0.64	0.0
UK Cap Growth	91.23	97.54†	+ 0.15	1.52
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	328.30	350.80†	- 5.80	3.00
-do- Acc	779.30	829.10	- 2.60	3.00
Contl Euro Gth	64.68	68.30	- 0.73	1.34
-do- Acc	69.34	72.99	- 0.77	1.34
Extra Inc	255.20	271.50	- 0.60	4.17
-do- Acc	662.70	705.10	- 1.50	4.17
FTSE 100 Inc	99.64	106.00	- 0.40	3.27
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German Gth	127.00	133.70	- 1.40	0.21
-do- Acc	132.20	140.30	- 1.40	0.21
Growth Port	535.40	570.30†	- 7.30	0.35
-do- Acc	545.00	579.60	- 7.40	0.35
Hi Reserve Inc #	100.70	107.20	- 0.30	6.34
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Income	479.60	510.50	- 1.10	3.77
-do- Acc	£13.11	£13.95	- 3.00	3.77
Income Port	505.00	537.30	- 4.90	3.96
-do- Acc	540.30	574.80	- 5.40	3.96
Japan Growth	104.70	111.40		
-do- Acc	105.10	111.90	+ 0.20	.
Master Trust	57.32	60.98	- 0.28	1.44
-do- Acc	63.98	68.07	- 0.31	1.44
N American Gwth	178.70	190.20	- 0.50	0.94
-do- Acc	206.40	219.60	- 0.70	0.94
NAm Sm Co Rec	135.20	143.80	- 2.40	...
-do- Acc	138.00	146.90	- 2.40	
Pacific Basin	229.20	243.90	- 0.10	1.12
-do- Acc	243.50	259.10	- 0.10	1.12
Small Cos Rec	352.40	371.00†	- 11.00	2.23
-do- Acc	475.70	500.80	- 14.80	2.23
UK Growth	84.88	90.30	- 0.28	2.63
-do- Acc	103.10	109.70	- 0.30	2.63
Worldwide Gth	303.10	322.50	- 3.20	0.60
-do- Acc	447.70	475.70	- 4.80	0.60
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 01392 282 673				
American	65.87	70.67	+ 0.38	0.10
General	84.87	91.06†	- 1.23	2.90
Income	63.00	67.59	- 0.02	5.70
International	62.38	66.92	+ 0.06	0.49
Japan	57.69	61.89	- 0.35	.
Tst of Inv Trusts	64.35	69.04†	- 0.15	1.40
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	389.60	412.00	+ 1.50	0.60
(Accum Units)	485.50	513.40	+ 1.90	0.69
Amer Recovery	458.00	484.30†	+ 3.90	0.45
(Accum Units)	536.30	566.50†	+ 4.50	0.45
Amer Smlr Cos	127.50	134.80	- 0.80	.
(Accum Units)	130.30	137.70	+ 0.80	.
Australasian	150.50	159.20	+ 0.90	2.15
(Accum Units)	184.10	194.70	+ 1.80	2.15
Capital	820.50	867.70	- 0.70	2.70
(Accum Units)	941.40	995.60	- 0.80	2.70
Charifund	673.90	680.70†	- 0.80	5.82
(Accum Units)	£32.01	£32.33†	- 3.40	5.82
Commodity	385.40	407.60	+ 2.10	0.45
(Accum Units)	565.80	598.40	+ 3.00	0.45
Compound Gth	926.80	980.10†	- 0.20	3.13
(Accum Units)	984.70	£10.41†	- 0.30	3.13
Dividend	40.70	43.00	..	4.29
(Accum Units)	170.80	180.40	..	4.29
Equity Income	338.70	358.20	+ 0.10	4.89
(Accum Units)	440.00	465.40	+ 0.20	4.89
Euro & General	494.20	522.60	- 4.30	1.32
(Accum Units)	625.10	661.00	- 5.50	1.32
Euro Dividend	70.70	74.80	- 0.20	3.54
(Accum Units)	85.10	90.00	- 0.30	3.54
Extra Yield	408.40	431.90†	- 0.40	4.92
(Accum Units)	£12.90	£13.64†	- 1.30	4.92
Far Eastern	324.30	342.90	- 0.20	0.72
(Accum Units)	430.50	455.10	- 0.40	0.72
Fund of Inv Tsts	592.40	626.50	- 0.60	2.06
(Accum Units)	£11.06	£11.70	- 1.10	2.06
General	60.60	64.10	- 0.10	3.88
(Accum Units)	170.40	180.30	- 0.20	3.88
Gilt Income	59.01	59.13	- 0.17	8.14
(Accum Units)	164.32	164.53	- 0.50	8.14
Gold	82.60	86.20	- 0.18	0.82
(Accum Units)	73.90	78.20		0.82
High Income	28.30	29.90	- 0.10	4.93
(Accum Units)	113.50	120.20	- 0.20	4.93
Intl Growth	74.30	78.60	- 0.10	1.02
(Accum Units)	129.70	137.20	- 0.20	1.02
International Inc	96.10	101.60†	+ 0.10	4.84
(Accum Units)	144.70	152.90†	+ 0.10	4.84
Japan & Gen	44.00	46.50†	+ 0.20	..
(Accum Units)	47.20	49.90†	+ 0.30	..
Japan Smlr Cos	152.00	160.70†	+ 1.90	..
(Accum Units)	153.10	161.80†	+ 1.90	.
Managed Income	27.00	28.40†	...	3.97
Midland	60.30	63.80†		3.34
(Accum Units)	203.90	215.80†	+ 0.20	3.34
Pension Ex	920.70	943.80†	- 0.80	4.29
Recovery	41.10	43.50	..	2.60
(Accum Units)	67.50	71.50	..	2.60
Second General	68.20	72.10	- 0.10	3.71
(Accum Units)	177.10	187.30	- 0.20	3.71
Smaller Cos	66.90	70.70	+ 0.10	3.22
(Accum Units)	133.30	141.00	+ 0.30	3.22
Sterling Hi Int	23.94	24.05†	- 0.05	8.72
Treasury	25.04	25.08†	+ 0.02	6.36
Trustee	40.20	42.50†	- 0.10	4.54
(Accum Units)	164.80	174.20†	- 0.40	4.54
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 01277 261 610 Enq. 01903 204 631				
European Growth	80.87	85.03	- 0.41	1.59
Intl Bond	62.90	66.12†	- 1.88	5.53
Intl Equity Growth	70.23	74.71†	- 0.12	0.89
N Amer Growth	95.45	101.54	+ 0.49	1.02
Special Sits Growth	21.29	22.64	+ 0.01	2.01
UK Growth	365.10	388.30†	- 0.60	2.95
(Accum Units)	482.60	513.40	- 0.80	2.95
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01820 825867				
Balanced Fd #	£12.87	£13.13	..	3.40
Income #	963.20	979.80	..	4.60
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	137.70	141.80		4.24
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD Dealings: 01438 747 414				
Growth Units	197.30	211.00	- 0.40	2.36
Gilt & Fxd Int	165.50	175.40	- 0.50	8.71
Intl Growth	206.30	219.10	+ 0.80	0.36
North American	185.30	197.70	+ 1.20	0.42
Far East	250.70	266.10	+ 0.60	1.39
UK Smaller Cos	170.50	182.30	+ 0.60	1.90
European	80.05	85.04	- 0.56	0.38
Japanese Growth	48.76	51.91	+ 0.17	.
High Income	184.60	197.60	- 0.40	4.26
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 01244 680 088				
M & S Inv Ptflo	151.10	159.10	+ 0.06	2.22
-do- Accum	173.90	183.10	+ 0.06	2.22
UK Sel Ptflo	130.39	137.10	+ 0.07	2.49
-do- Accum	151.48	159.40	+ 0.07	2.49
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 01204 384 842				
Managed Tst	66.93	71.20	.	3.85
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	70.24	74.56	- 0.11	4.51
European	82.17	87.23	- 0.58	1.81
Income #	73.36	77.88	- 0.23	5.32
Nth American	63.99	67.93	+ 0.33	0.55
Far East	162.20	172.20	+ 0.30	.
Japan	55.84	59.28	+ 0.18	
Emgng Mkts	86.82	92.64	- 0.20	
Intl Growth	107.90	113.60†	- 0.10	0.71
UK Growth	90.61	96.19		1.52
UK Smlr Co	45.39	48.18	+ 0.21	1.15
Asian Opps Fd	34.19	36.57	+ 0.10	0.37
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Income	410.05	436.22†	+ 0.55	4.00
Global Inc	67.51	71.82†	- 0.82	2.88
Brit Leaders	352.27	374.76†	+ 0.94	2.39
Intl Leaders	201.35	214.20†	- 0.67	0.77
PAM Mg Bal Grth	81.33	63.72†	+ 0.15	0.85
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 0171 280 2060				
American	203.20	215.60	.	.
(Accum Units)	217.20	230.40	.	
American Opps	90.83	96.89		
(Accum Units)	91.97	98.10		
British Blue Chip	78.60	83.54†	.	2.68
(Accum Units)	97.57	103.70†	.	2.68
Cash	180.20	180.20†		6.02
(Accum Units)"	139.10	139.10†		6.02
Emerging Mkts	96.16	103.40		0.14
(Accum Units)	86.26	103.50		0.14
European Growth	248.90	263.90		0.17
(Accum Units)	268.30	284.20		0.17
European Income	84.23	88.93		3.23
(Accum Units)	113.40	119.80		3.23
General	493.40	525.20†		2.36
(Accum Units)	978.50	1041†		2.36
Global Bond	125.80	132.10†		5.23
(Accum Units)	155.00	162.90†		5.23
Gold & General	196.50	211.30		0.43
(Accum Units)	201.70	216.90		0.43
Govt Securities	90.30	93.10		5.89
(Accum Units)	175.80	181.20		5.89
Income	149.20	158.70		4.47
(Accum Units)	235.40	250.40		4.47
Inc Portfolio #	94.54	100.30†		5.23
(Accum Units) #	96.74	102.60†		5.23
Intl Opps	455.30	485.40		0.18
(Accum Units)	608.00	648.20		0.18
Japan	168.00	175.90		.
(Accum Units)	170.40	180.60		.
New Europe	175.56	187.20		1.07
(Accum Units)	180.90	193.00		1.07
Pacific	105.70	112.70		0.91
(Accum Units)	113.20	120.70		0.91
Recovery	283.20	302.10†		0.88
(Accum Units)	364.00	388.30†		0.80
UK Smaller Cos	53.13	56.67		0.91
(Accum Units)	60.14	64.15		0.91
Portfolio	78.69	83.54†		2.76
(Accum Units)	93.85	99.65†		2.76
Managed Gth	98.98	101.48		1.87
Managed Inc	102.60	106.50	.	4.23
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	115.74	123.13	- 0.63	0.87
Portfolio	65.90	70.11	- 0.13	0.55
UK Income Inc	74.40	79.15†	- 0.13	4.74
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg. 0345 456 126				
Balanced	59.29	62.08†	- 0.03	3.35
(Accum Units)	63.44	66.42†	- 0.04	3.35
British Tst	83.68	87.62	- 0.64	2.13
(Accum Units)	96.22	102.80	- 0.70	2.13
Extra High Inc	68.42	69.56†	- 0.94	6.52
(Accum Units)	129.90	136.00†	- 1.90	6.52
FT-SE 100 Acc	54.82	57.40	+ 0.03	2.64
FT-SE 100 Dist	53.98	56.52	+ 0.03	2.64
Gilt & Fxd Int	53.21	55.37	- 0.30	7.16
(Accum Units)	156.10	162.40	- 0.80	7.16
High Yield	218.10	228.46	- 2.98	5.64
(Accum Units)	546.30	572.00	- 7.40	5.64
Income	380.80	394.06	- 3.20	3.64
(Accum Units)	619.50	648.60	- 7.10	1.64
Money Market UT	49.21	49.21†	- 0.46	5.41
(Accum Units)	78.14	78.14†	+ 0.03	5.41
Monthly Income	83.43	87.36†	+ 0.07	5.21
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	102.50	109.08		1.60
European Growth	100.10	106.80		0.02
Gilt & Fixed	85.24	90.52	0.47	6.14
Income	84.21	89.58	- 0.12	2.85
Japan Growth	52.80	55.96	- 0.12	
Managed	68.75	73.14	- 0.04	2.40
Money Market	87.99	92.84	- 0.04	4.33
North American	87.20	92.43	+ 0.46	0.49
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	93.01	98.95	+ 0.04	1.79
European Growth	94.73	100.49		0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	81.24	86.17	- 0.44	6.10
Income	82.71	87.99	+ 0.12	2.92
Japan Growth	52.66	56.82	+ 0.12	
Managed	65.74	69.94	- 0.03	2.38
Money Market	80.98	85.83	- 0.03	4.28
North American	79.34	84.10	+ 0.41	0.58
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	92.90	98.83	+ 0.04	1.78
European Growth	92.53	98.08		
Gilt & Fixed Int	74.18	78.86	- 0.43	6.27
Income	81.55	86.76	+ 0.11	2.95
Japan Growth	53.84	57.87	+ 0.12	
Managed	68.50	72.87	- 0.04	2.38
Money Market	75.29	79.81	+ 0.04	4.36
North American	87.83	93.10	+ 0.46	0.45
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.39	13.13	.	.
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 826 0123				
American Gwth	340.50	361.60	+ 3.10	
European Gth Inc	441.30	474.30	- 1.60	0.29
(Accum Units)	446.10	479.40	- 1.60	0.29
Intl Gwth	189.90	202.40†	- 0.10	
UK Equity Inc	181.30	193.20†	- 0.50	3.11
UK Intl Trdr Inc	158.00	169.00	- 0.50	2.93
(Accum Units)	187.50	200.50	- 0.80	2.93
US Eq Intl Tr Inc	203.70	216.80	+ 1.30	1.28
Japan Trader	78.35	82.96†	+ 0.43	..
Asian Trader	188.60	203.70†	+ 0.50	0.52
Managed Inc	153.60	163.60	- 0.10	1.41
Deposit Inc	99.93	99.93	+ 0.01	4.74
Europa	175.60	187.90	.	.
Genesis	151.00	163.50†	- 1.70	2.23
High Income	21.37	22.89†	+ 0.04	10.09
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 000 833				
Acumen	93.83	95.86†	- 0.25	2.83
Acumen Inc	87.03	89.74†	- 0.24	2.63
Acumen Reserve	83.77	84.61†	- 0.09	8.57
-do- Inc	70.81	71.52†	- 0.07	8.57
American Growth	152.28	158.76	- 0.10	
Cash Income	50.00	50.00	+ 0.02	5.53
Equity Income #	93.09	98.24	- 0.42	4.85
European	71.21	72.77	- 0.48	0.65
Smaller Cos	78.77	79.50†	- 0.33	1.20
W'wide Eqty	63.93	65.34	- 0.27	0.56
Global Bond	43.77	44.25	- 0.10	6.61
UK Growth	92.67	95.07†	- 0.30	2.02
Pacific Growth	98.58	101.50		0.18
Japan Growth	92.64	94.31	- 0.25	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 610				
Avon Equity	120.71	128.42	+ 0.15	2.80
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	72.35	76.97	+ 0.18	2.27
UK Income	107.40	114.36	+ 0.19	3.93
Higher Income	207.81	221.07	- 0.38	4.72
Smaller Cos	80.64	85.15†	- 0.30	2.06
International	94.47	100.50†	- 0.23	1.84
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS 0171 623 4200				
American Dist	183.00	189.60	+ 0.50	0.68
European Dist	112.90	120.10	- 1.20	
Far East Dist	171.00	181.90	- 0.10	
Global Care Dist	68.87	73.20	+ 0.03	1.07
Oseas Dist	£10.81	£10.65†	- 3.20	0.15
(Accum Units)	£12.89	£13.82	- 4.20	0.15
UK Dist	340.70	362.40	- 4.30	2.64
(Accum Units)	675.90	719.00		2.64
UK Euro Inc Dist	76.47	81.35	- 0.11	4.16
Wwide Dist	103.30	109.90†	- 0.10	0.37
Wwide Inc Dist	70.24	74.72†	- 0.05	2.68
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 388				
Europe Inc	63.47	66.99	- 0.40	0.48
Fund of Funds Inc	57.65	60.84		0.85
North America Inc	48.17	50.84†	- 0.32	0.51
UK Equity Grth Inc	57.00	60.18†	- 0.72	2.08
(Accum Units)	59.89	63.21	- 0.02	2.08
UK General Inc	56.40	59.53†	+ 0.01	2.52
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	45.92	48.35†	- 0.12	7.26
UK Income Inc	56.02	59.12†	- 0.47	3.94
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00				
Bond	118.92	124.19	- 0.33	6.99
Bridge Fund	82.82	88.11		2.33
Distributor	91.49	97.34	+ 0.06	3.44
Foundation	91.26	97.60†	+ 0.16	3.67
General	178.53	189.97	+ 0.03	2.25
Global	311.65	331.55	- 0.84	0.43
Growth	121.49	129.25†	+ 0.08	2.80
Higher Income Inc	26.78	28.64	+ 0.09	4.34
Income	223.17	237.42†	+ 0.20	3.79
Intrepid	114.21	118.97		2.45
Formerly Capital House				
American Gwth Tst	35.70	38.18	+ 0.14	0.28
Cash Income	50.98	50.98	+ 0.02	5.59
European Gwth	39.51	42.13	- 0.23	0.27
Intnl Gwth	29.10	31.12†	- 0.10	0.44
Japan Gwth	27.13	29.01	+ 0.21	.
Managed Tst Inc	46.83	50.08	+ 0.03	2.32
Oriental Opps Inc	131.00	140.10	- 0.60	0.25
Property Shares	31.77	33.97	+ 0.06	0.89
Smaller Cos	30.07	32.16	- 0.03	1.38
UK Growth Tst	25.83	27.62	- 0.03	2.71
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	70.52	75.42	+ 0.18	1.82
Cap Hse UK Inc	66.78	71.42	+ 0.12	2.87
Exempt (E)	29.84	30.76		1.76
German	49.67	52.89	- 0.50	.
High Income	71.71	76.69	+ 0.04	4.90
Mngd Ptflo Inc	101.70	108.70	..	1.07
Mngd Ptflo Acc	194.40	207.99	..	1.07
Monthly Income	76.28	81.58	+ 0.06	4.33
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD 0191 285 3555				
Managed	95.45	101.00		2.16
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS 01603 682 234				
Master Trust	120.78	127.14	- 0.09	1.88
UK Equity	137.01	144.22	- 0.07	3.11
UK Equity Income	131.21	138.12	+ 0.14	3.28
UK Smaller Cos	114.62	120.65	- 0.23	1.75
UK Equity Growth	128.01	134.75†	+ 0.12	2.39
UK Index Trckg	139.10	146.42	+ 0.19	3.68
Intl Index Trckg	145.67	153.34	+ 0.04	1.14
International	231.34	243.52†	- 0.44	0.51
European	197.20	207.58	- 1.26	0.82
Pan European	131.39	138.31	- 0.63	1.55
Nth American	173.46	182.59†	- 0.10	0.12
N Amer Smlr Cos	188.69	198.53	+ 0.79	
Japanese	93.89	98.83	+ 0.46	
Pacific	218.62	230.34	- 0.48	0.35
South East Asian	231.85	244.05†	- 1.19	0.65
Intl Bond	135.89	143.04	- 0.28	4.59
Gilt & Convertible	102.69	108.09	- 0.60	6.29
Property	81.67	85.97	+ 0.02	5.38
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD 01256 768 888				
European Inc	249.50	268.40†	- 2.20	0.64
(Accum Units)	264.00	282.00	- 2.20	0.64
Japan Inc	110.40	117.80	+ 0.50	
Nth American Inc	106.90	114.70	+ 0.10	0.37
Worldwide Inc	154.20	165.70		1.11
Hong Kong Inc	123.00	132.00	- 2.00	1.91
Swiss Equities Inc	69.76	74.34†	- 0.33	
Wwide Bond Inc	60.21	63.75	- 0.20	5.33
Emging Asia Inc	200.40	217.60		0.89
(Accum Units)	201.20	218.30	- 0.10	0.89
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.01	50.01†	- 0.53	6.31
Thailand Inc	153.80	165.50	- 0.30	0.73
Gold Trust Inc	70.22	76.17	- 0.56	0.82
New Zealand Inc	93.19	100.00	- 0.30	1.71
Ins Mngd PEP Inc	61.37	65.82	- 0.20	1.57
Latin Am Crwp Inc	55.18	59.59	- 8.24	
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	57.66	61.87	+ 0.03	2.95
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	75.43	80.67	+ 0.14	
Global Portfolio	67.41	72.10	+ 0.14	
Global Opps	64.82	69.33	+ 0.02	
Marsh Global Grth	61.87	65.61	- 8.04	
AAM Global Equity	53.30	56.49	+ 0.04	..
CAM Bal Gwth Inc	88.67	95.50†	- 0.18	
Temple Equity Inc	43.16	47.13	- 0.01	2.54
Hadley Growth	72.20	76.53	+ 0.09	1.12
Intl Growth Inc	82.89	88.65	+ 0.10	0.31
IPS Portfolio Inc	79.40	84.92	+ 0.29	
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	47.24	48.18	- 0.22	
Premier Prtfns Inc	65.84	70.42		2.01
Roxburgh Stnd Gth	69.87	74.73	- 8.05	0.37
Tech Analyses	99.13	105.80		
Rosebery Growth	45.42	49.55	- 0.11	0.89
International Stnd	75.06	80.28	+ 0.33	
UFC Intl-Act Grth	52.80	56.86	+ 0.05	
Coverdale Topsail	47.77	51.46	+ 0.86	
Prism Equity Inc	107.70	113.80		
Lowes Intl Growth	45.13	47.50	- 0.04	1.11
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq. 01733 470 470				
Equity	240.40	255.70	- 0.50	2.70
(Accum Units)	507.50	539.80	- 1.00	2.70
Growth	152.70	160.70†	- 4.10	2.90
Income	233.70	248.50†	- 0.30	3.98
Intl Equity	248.50	264.30	- 0.10	1.27
(Accum Units)	274.70	292.20		1.27
UK Income	65.25	69.41	- 0.11	3.51
UK Intl 25	79.25	84.30	- 0.14	2.44
New Europe	78.59	83.00	- 0.42	1.10
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	571.78	611.54	- 2.77	0.68
(Accum Units)	572.38	612.18	- 2.78	0.68
Income	357.08	381.91†	+ 0.20	3.40
Wwide Recovery	371.23	397.04	- 0.93	0.61
Amer Growth Inc	218.24	233.38	- 0.54	0.01
(Accum Units)	218.24	233.38	- 0.54	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	228.24	244.11	+ 0.31	0.30
Far Estn Grth Inc	264.47	282.86	- 1.40	0.31
(Accum Units)	264.47	282.86	- 1.40	0.31
Euro Gwth Inc	143.47	153.45	- 0.92	0.70
(Accum Units)	143.84	153.84	- 0.92	0.70
UK Growth Inc	90.04	96.30	+ 0.02	2.81
(Accum Units)	94.77	101.31	+ 0.07	2.81
High Income	95.93	102.60	- 0.02	3.92
Jap Gwth Inc	219.94	234.30	- 0.27	0.01
(Accum Units)	219.94	234.30	- 0.27	0.01
PEP Growth	115.86	123.92	- 0.33	1.32
Asian Sh Mkts Inc	112.82	120.67	- 0.90	0.01
(Accum Units)	112.82	120.67	- 0.90	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	126.63	135.44	- 1.02	0.01
(Accum Units)	126.63	135.44	- 1.02	0.01
Global Bond	53.80	56.70†	- 0.35	5.58
UK Smaller Cos Inc	79.69	85.23	+ 0.37	1.99
(Accum Units)	82.78	88.54	+ 0.38	1.99
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0181 201 3027				
American	97.52	103.43†	- 0.71	
European	70.65	75.10	- 0.11	.
Global	59.70	63.51	+ 0.15	
Pacific	54.40	57.87†	+ 0.18	
UK Inc & Gdp	64.80	68.89	+ 0.11	1.95
POINTON YORK UT MGRS 0116 2556 540				
PA Dancian Dlgs	92.04	98.02	+ 0.32	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	156.78	165.86	+ 0.18	0.10
Emerg Mkts	43.15	45.66	+ 0.13	
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	60.85	64.58†	- 0.13	2.31
Growth Income	63.08	66.86	+ 0.03	2.29
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	134.94	143.56	+ 0.79	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	90.95	96.70	- 0.40	3.57
Conv & Gilt	110.60	117.70	- 0.20	6.41
European Income	72.88	77.54†	- 0.22	2.90
Extra Income	149.90	159.40†	- 1.40	3.77
(Accum Units)	183.60	195.20	- 1.70	3.71
Far East	368.70	392.30	+ 0.90	0.08
(Accum Units)	375.70	399.70	+ 6.90	0.08
Global Income	24.89	26.48	- 0.34	4.49
High Income	113.70	121.00†	+ 0.20	3.51
(Accum Units)	138.10	146.90	+ 0.30	3.51
International	198.80	203.00†	- 1.80	0.65
(Accum Units)	196.60	209.20	- 1.80	0.65
Pref & Fxd Int	41.49	44.14†	- 1.17	7.84
Recovery	73.04	77.70	- 0.01	2.71
Special Sits	108.20	115.10	- 2.20	1.09
(Accum Units)	117.10	124.60	- 2.40	1.09
Technology	416.70	443.30	- 1.70	
UK Blue Chip	68.92	73.32	- 0.04	2.50
(Accum Units)	77.08	82.00	- 0.04	2.50
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 588 3903				
Equity Gth	173.90	185.00	- 0.90	1.90
European Gth	98.14	103.00†	- 0.50	0.47
Income & Gth #	131.70	140.10	- 0.10	3.54
Japan Gth	116.40	123.70†	- 0.60	
Nth Amer Gth	128.30	136.50†	- 0.80	0.18
Overseas Gth	90.85	96.65†	- 0.02	
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	37.15	38.49	- 0.43	1.85
Cash Haven Inc	101.67	102.17	- 0.03	4.94
Cash Haven Acc	112.29	112.84	- 0.04	4.94
Dist Trust Inc	95.13	98.58†	- 0.02	6.51
Dist Trust Acc	99.72	103.33†	+ 0.08	6.51
Global Growth	89.19	94.88	- 0.54	0.72
Equity Inc	80.98	86.14	+ 0.13	3.55
Equity	717.57	763.37†	+ 1.46	2.37
European	216.62	224.37	- 1.04	0.94
High Income	86.64	92.17†	- 0.02	5.37
Intl Grth	182.56	194.21	- 0.37	0.91
Intl Sm Co	78.15	81.01†	- 0.06	0.48
Japanese	214.94	222.73	+ 0.05	
Nth Amer	170.57	176.75	+ 0.33	1.50
Pacific Mkts	97.88	101.42	- 0.87	0.62
Premier Inc	46.56	48.45†	- 0.17	6.94
Sm Cos	86.57	92.09†	- 0.49	1.64
Spec Sits	109.13	116.09	- 0.30	2.44
UK Growth	121.68	129.44	- 0.19	2.34
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 01892 510 033				
British Life	295.90	313.90†	- 0.70	3.25
For Rock Asset see Northern Rock				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 0171 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	522.61	555.79	+ 4.34	0.67
FA America (Acc)	610.98	649.77	+ 5.07	0.67
FA UK Equity Inc	154.29	164.54†	- 3.30	2.80
FA Japan	256.95	273.35	+ 1.26	.
FA Major UK Cos	95.48	101.86	- 0.24	2.44
FA Smlr UK Cos	285.40	311.29	+ 0.90	1.34
FA European	317.55	337.20	- 1.01	0.61
FA Amer Smlr Cos	45.64	48.99	+ 0.33	0.20
FA Asia	45.16	48.55	+ 0.24	0.20
FA Jap Smlr Cos	44.35	47.45	+ 2.37	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	97.36	102.37	- 0.20	.
UK Smlr Cos	82.78	87.13	+ 0.28	
UK Income	95.68	100.71	+ 0.15	
America	105.03	110.55	+ 0.91	
Japanese	56.58	59.55	+ 0.30	
European	102.01	107.37	- 0.27	
Gilt	87.52	92.54	- 0.35	
Deposit	84.41	88.85	+ 0.05	
Managed	98.68	103.87	- 0.13	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	94.88	99.86	- 0.18	
UK Smaller Cos	80.82	85.07	- 0.29	
UK Income	93.32	98.22	+ 0.13	
America	102.18	107.55	+ 0.87	
Japanese	55.05	57.94	+ 0.39	..
European	99.35	104.57	- 0.27	.
Gilt	86.67	91.22	- 0.37	
Deposit	80.45	84.68	- 0.04	
Managed	91.07	95.86	- 0.60	.
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	81.49	86.83	+ 0.59	0.21
Pacific Basin	72.19	77.42	+ 0.08	.
High Inc Dist	132.00	141.10†	- 0.70	5.03
Bri Life Inl Cnty	57.25	60.87	- 0.01	3.97
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	66.50	70.90	+ 0.15	0.028
Ryl Life Intl Spec	61.19	65.09†	- 0.10	.
UK Emerging Cos	123.20	133.10	- 0.30	1.16
UK Index Trckg	163.90	174.60	- 0.10	3.29
European	128.90	138.20	- 0.80	0.38
Managed	145.60	156.50	+ 0.20	0.76
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01206 764 400				
American Growth	144.70	153.10		0.42
European Growth	113.20	119.70		1.16
Far East Growth	123.00	130.90		0.70
Japan Growth	136.00	144.50†		.
Special Sits	192.50	204.70†		1.54
UK Growth	76.72	81.61	.	2.52
Triton General	236.80	251.80†		0.88
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 0141 307 6600				
Far East Inc	151.90	160.30	- 0.20	0.43
Gt Euro Prog Inc	326.30	347.40	+ 0.30	0.37
(Accum Units)	510.40	540.10	+ 0.40	0.37
Growth Inc	127.50	134.90	+ 0.30	0.64
(Accum Units)	129.90	137.50	+ 0.40	0.64
International Inc	325.00	343.90	+ 0.30	0.50
(Accum Units)	445.70	471.60	+ 0.40	0.50
Nth Am & Intl Inc	310.70	328.80	+ 0.80	0.62
UK Gen Prog Inc	221.40	234.30	+ 0.50	1.24
UK High Inc Inc	131.30	138.90	+ 0.10	3.84
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	64.18	68.27	+ 0.03	
Amer Smlr Cos	77.00	81.91		
Asian Gwth	101.29	107.75†	- 0.68	0.75
European Gwth	66.52	70.76	- 0.10	1.00
Global Bd	57.21	60.54†	- 1.09	5.00
Global Eq	58.41	62.13	+ 0.13	0.50
Japanese Eq	51.10	54.36	+ 0.30	
Japan Sm Cos	57.36	61.01†	+ 0.84	
UK Gen	53.09	56.47	+ 0.28	2.80
UK Gwth	80.51	84.36	+ 0.91	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	68.86	73.26†	+ 0.44	3.66
Amer Smlr Cos	115.20	122.50	+ 0.50	
Asian Smaller Cos	38.84	41.32	- 0.09	
Capital Portfolio	124.50	132.40†	- 0.50	1.99
Cash	127.20	127.20	+ 0.10	5.65
China Dragon	52.89	56.27†	- 1.17	1.33
Commodity	120.00	127.70	+ 0.70	0.47
Eastern Discovery	89.60	95.32	+ 0.31	
Emerging Mkts	36.21	38.52	- 0.03	0.41
Energy Inds	124.00	131.90	+ 0.10	0.68
European Gwth	186.40	198.30	- 1.20	0.07
Euro Inc & Gwth #	76.65	81.54	- 8.45	1.67
Euro Smlr Cos	52.98	56.36	- 0.08	
Extra Income #	58.75	52.46†	- 0.99	5.98
Financial Secs	205.80	218.70	- 0.10	1.84
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	47.19	49.81	- 0.08	8.59
Gold & Exploration	74.11	78.84	- 0.73	
High Return #	225.20	239.60	- 0.60	4.40
High Yield #	224.80	239.10†	- 1.10	3.95
Income #	117.70	125.20	- 0.30	4.40
Intl Bond	164.60	173.80	- 0.10	5.39
ITU	200.30	213.10†	+ 0.10	1.36
Japan Growth	166.50	177.10	+ 8.60	
Japan Smaller	165.50	176.19†	+ 3.50	
Korea	59.94	63.77	+ 0.22	
Masterfund	54.12	57.57	- 0.02	1.26
Scotbits	312.00	331.90	- 0.30	1.62
Scotshares #	292.80	310.68	- 0.60	2.47
Scotyields #	237.50	252.80	- 0.80	3.81
Select Intl	134.20	142.80	- 0.20	0.15
Smaller Cos Inc #	236.10	251.20†	+ 0.60	1.00
SE Asia	48.72	51.83†	- 0.11	
Special Situation	125.90	133.90	- 0.80	0.97
UK Equity #	245.70	261.40	- 0.90	2.86
UK Growth	63.94	68.02†	- 0.20	1.68
UK & O'seas	163.00	173.40	- 0.60	1.24
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	45.71	48.63	+ 0.22	1.72
US Growth	149.50	159.00	- 0.90	0.44
Univ Growth	133.40	141.90†	- 0.10	0.79
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Cust: 0800 526 535 Bdr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	254.76	270.45†	- 0.03	1.13
(Accum Units)	278.48	295.63†	+ 0.20	1.13
European Gwth	74.66	79.31	- 0.51	0.93
Euro Smlr Cos	77.91	83.10	- 0.49	0.38
Far Eastern Gth	89.36	95.31	- 0.47	
(Accum Units)	90.97	97.04	- 0.48	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	49.94	52.65	- 0.26	7.91
Global Bond #	50.07	51.73	- 0.14	6.95
(Accum Units) #	54.93	56.75	- 0.15	6.95
Global Emer Mkts	48.84	52.09†	- 0.19	
(Accum Units)	48.84	52.09†	- 0.19	
Income #	351.09	374.49	+ 0.53	5.27
(Accum Units) #	£11.16	£11.90	+ 1.51	5.27
Japan Smlr Cos	461.40	492.16	+ 9.36	.
(Accum Units)	462.33	493.14	+ 9.38	.
Japan Enterprise	68.79	73.37†	- 0.18	
Pacific Gwth	121.19	129.26	- 0.61	0.17
(Accum Units)	125.10	133.44	- 0.62	0.17
Portfolio	80.35	85.60		1.96
(Accum Units)	87.14	92.95		1.96
Seoul	45.44	48.79	- 0.01	
(Accum Units)	45.44	48.79	+ 0.01	
Smaller Cos	209.72	223.70	+ 0.77	1.39
Tokyo	124.36	132.65†		
(Accum Units)	125.62	133.99†		
UK Enterprise	260.88	278.27	- 0.29	2.05
(Accum Units)	312.96	333.82	+ 0.35	2.05
UK Equity	243.29	259.50	+ 0.32	2.73
(Accum Units)	472.74	504.26	- 0.63	2.73
US Smlr Cos	162.51	173.34†	- 1.01	
(Accum Units)	47.43	49.41†	- 0.10	0.79
Institutional Funds				
European	238.82	248.29	- 1.05	1.39
(Accum Units)	265.91	276.46	- 1.17	1.39
Euro Smlr Cos	28.89	30.09	- 0.13	1.66
(Accum Units)	30.65	31.92	- 0.14	1.66
Global Equity Inc	77.69	80.92†	+ 0.07	0.94
Japan Smlr Cos	37.93	39.51	+ 0.53	0.22
(Accum Units)	38.23	39.82	+ 0.53	0.22
Mngd Balanced	186.99	194.78†	- 2.78	3.08
(Accum Units)	213.39	222.27†	- 0.05	3.08
Overseas Equity	186.88	194.66	- 0.06	0.98
(Accum Units)	193.43	201.56	- 0.07	0.98
Oseas Smlr Cos	121.84	126.91	- 0.35	0.72
(Accum Units)	127.43	132.74	- 0.37	0.72
Pacific	229.88	239.45†	- 0.07	1.36
(Accum Units)	251.48	261.95†	- 0.08	1.36
Recovery	£18.30	£19.06	+ 2.96	2.95
(Accum Units)	£19.34	£20.15	+ 3.12	2.95
UK Index	154.80	161.25	- 0.34	3.44
(Accum Units)	188.85	196.71	- 0.42	3.44
UK Small Cos	110.88	115.49	+ 0.29	2.95
(Accum Units)	118.89	123.84	- 0.31	2.95
US Smlr Cos	46.57	48.51†	- 0.10	0.79
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	49.83	53.07	- 0.10	3.82
Equity Trust	61.55	65.55	- 0.03	3.22
Equity Strategy	72.16	76.85	+ 0.11	1.93
European Opps	87.22	92.89	- 0.54	1.20
UK Smaller Cos	61.00	64.96	+ 0.16	1.68
Maximum Inc	94.94	101.50	- 0.04	6.66
Japanese	76.92	81.92	- 0.37	
Asia Pacific	111.37	118.61	- 0.53	1.39
American	103.91	110.66	+ 0.53	0.54
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 0800 454 422				
Cash	31.24	31.24		5.265
UK General Inc	52.30	55.78	- 0.11	2.84
(Accum Units)	67.15	71.63	- 0.14	2.84
Intl Income	265.30	282.30†	- 0.90	1.91
(Accum Units)	458.20	487.50†	+ 1.60	1.07
European	80.72	85.50	- 0.27	1.47
Japan	70.53	74.75	- 0.54	0.06
American	68.78	72.84†	+ 0.43	1.92
Far East	79.94	85.27	- 0.13	0.76
Ethical Inc	29.29	31.33†	+ 0.05	2.15
UK Blue Chip Inc	33.80	36.24†	- 0.11	2.96
High Inc Inc	35.18	37.36†	- 0.07	3.44
UK Global Inc	39.25	41.69†	- 0.04	1.57
Wwide Tact	69.89	74.61†	- 0.11	1.35
Europe 2000 Tact	52.91	56.25	- 0.25	1.51
Technology	111.35	118.85†	- 0.14	1.51
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	384.50	410.80	+ 0.20	2.96
American	263.60	279.70	- 0.10	0.54
Pacific	370.20	395.90	- 2.00	0.78
European	557.70	596.50	- 5.20	1.32
Worldwide	85.78	91.74	- 0.42	0.74
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	268.00	285.20	+ 0.10	2.32
(Accum Units)	338.20	359.90	+ 0.10	2.32
UK 50 Co Eq Inc	196.80	209.40	+ 0.70	2.74
(Accum Units)	235.80	250.90	+ 0.70	2.74
Select Opprtny Inc	66.69	71.33†	+ 0.27	2.14
Income Plus Inc	70.16	74.64†	- 0.04	3.90
European Inc	345.20	367.30†	- 1.80	1.18
(Accum Units)	390.00	414.90†	- 1.80	1.18
Far Eastern Inc	162.40	172.80†	- 1.20	0.81
(Accum Units)	185.70	197.60†	- 1.20	0.81
Japanese Inc	61.60	65.54†	+ 0.15	
Nth American Inc	236.50	251.60†	- 0.20	0.74
(Accum Units)	261.80	277.00†	- 0.20	0.74
Intl Growth Inc	197.10	209.70	- 0.50	0.77
Wwde Venture Inc	78.90	83.94†	- 0.15	1.82
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT 0131 668 3724				
Equity Inc	358.50	382.30		2.89
(Accum Units)	532.60	567.40		2.89
UK High Inc	179.40	191.30	+ 0.20	3.83
(Accum Units)	263.30	280.80	+ 0.40	3.83
Europe Inc	369.40	393.90	- 2.30	0.36
Nth Amer Inc	216.60	231.00	+ 1.40	0.18
Global Inc	198.40	211.80		0.39
Global Acc	213.00	227.10	- 0.10	0.39
UK Spec Sits Inc	98.37	104.90	- 0.10	3.38
South East Asia	205.60	219.30	- 1.90	1.13
Cash Trust Inc	101.60	101.60	+ 0.10	5.37
UK Smlr Cos Inc	100.50	107.20	+ 0.40	2.27
(Accum Units)	102.80	109.60	- 0.40	2.27
Intl Bond Inc	92.63	98.34	- 0.20	6.11
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	141.50	148.60	+ 0.50	4.49
SHARP (ALBERT E) Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	127.40	134.10	- 0.80	1.07
Nth American	105.40	110.90	+ 0.70	0.08
Intl Bond & Gold	119.50	125.80†	- 3.20	6.05
Pooled Pension (E)	185.30	199.20		2.22
Smaller Cos	73.46	77.33†	- 0.38	1.49
UK General	127.40	134.10†	- 2.10	2.01
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 0171 626 6236				
Amer Gth Fund‡	102.20			
Assoc‡	70.33	..	- 1.26	
European‡	123.10		- 1.20	0.0
Global Bonds‡	91.86		- 0.20	8.16
Samurai‡	56.85		- 0.57	
UK Growth‡	97.30		- 0.42	2.80
Tai Pan‡	94.40		- 0.91	
UK Emerg Leaders‡	100.40		+ 0.60	1.38
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 0171 637 5377				
American	307.20	325.70	+ 3.40	
Canadian	65.78	69.60	+ 0.20	0.87
Capital	118.90	127.30	+ 0.40	1.58
Cash	100.51	100.51†	+ 0.01	5.75
European	134.60	142.30	- 0.20	1.29
Far Eastern	147.00	155.90	+ 0.40	
Growth	130.40	137.90	+ 0.40	1.38
Income	122.60	129.90		5.99
Magnum	127.20	136.40	- 0.40	1.62
Smllr Secs	362.30	383.20†	+ 1.60	1.06
Thoroughbred	147.10	157.80	+ 0.50	1.58
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01202 298 422				
Cash	49.57	50.06†	- 0.92	5.30
Cntnl Primnce	53.93	57.53	- 0.13	8.20
Ethical	56.17	59.76	+ 0.23	2.60
European Growth	74.28	79.23	- 0.53	3.00
Income	54.46	58.09	+ 0.04	6.30
Intl Growth	98.34	104.90†	- 1.80	2.90
Managed	83.83	89.41	- 0.23	3.70
UK Growth	61.93	66.06	+ 0.71	3.48
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	39.20	39.40	+ 0.10	2.08
Global Advtg Acc	42.00	42.22	+ 0.10	2.09
Income Advtg Inc	31.29	31.44		4.14
Income Advtg Acc	34.68	34.86		4.14
UK Equity Gth Acc	66.24	70.22	+ 0.20	1.28
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	51.07	54.27	+ 0.10	1.75
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	36.25	38.52†		3.66
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	45.44	48.28	.	3.66
UK Equity Gen Acc	62.24	66.14		2.25
UK Equity Gen Inc	45.65	48.40†		2.25
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.82	31.65†	- 0.10	6.29
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	318.10	345.20	+ 1.10	1.88
Nth American Acc	45.51	48.38	- 0.40	0.92
Far East Acc	67.90	72.15	+ 0.50	0.39
European Acc	53.19	56.52	.	0.97
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 0171 344 7000				
Global A (N/S)	3.759	3.986	.	1.83
US Eqts (US$)	2.601	2.758	.	0.83
Far East Eqts (yen)	214.90	228.20		
Japan Eqties (yen)	190.40	202.20		
FT Europe	129.60	137.60		1.67
FT N Amer (US$)	1.945	2.061	.	0.87
FT Japan (yen)	200.20	212.60		
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.401	2.551	.	1.45
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 226 3271				
American	369.40	392.90	+ 2.20	.
British #	990.50	£10.48	+ 8.10	3.70
Emrgng Mkts	133.20	141.90	- 1.70	0.47
European	534.80	569.60	- 4.30	0.80
Japan	145.20	154.30	+ 1.60	
New Pacific	366.20	390.00	- 0.70	0.70
(Accum Units)	386.00	411.10	- 0.70	0.70
Inv Trust Acc	250.80	265.80	- 0.60	0.87
Mngd Equity	173.30	183.30	+ 0.10	1.80
Mngd Cash	95.68	95.68	+ 0.03	5.47
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 388				
Equity	820.20	877.20	- 1.60	3.60
North America	123.80	132.40	- 0.30	0.45
Far East	138.00	147.60	- 0.60	0.62
Wwide Bond	56.69	60.18†	- 0.27	5.13
European	102.90	110.10	- 0.70	0.40
Equity Income	89.79	96.03	+ 0.24	4.53
Portfolio	84.65	90.53†	- 0.09	1.98
UK Leading Cos	61.15	65.23	+ 0.07	3.78
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	64.64	69.13	+ 0.05	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD 0800 525 725				
Antares UT	20.50	21.81†	- 0.15	0.60
European	37.14	39.52	- 0.18	0.70
High Income	32.75	34.85†		4.60
Japan	36.44	38.77	+ 0.05	
Managed Assets	126.74	135.56	- 0.22	2.72
North American	32.37	34.44	- 0.03	0.60
Smlr Co's Inc	29.77	31.66	+ 0.09	2.80
Smlr Co's Acc	31.53	33.55	+ 0.10	2.80
UK Growth Inc	57.66	61.35	+ 0.05	3.40
UK Growth Acc	62.44	66.43	+ 0.05	3.40
UK Income	40.90	43.75	+ 0.01	3.14
Worldwide Grth	35.30	37.76	- 0.06	1.17
Confederation				
Canadian Exmpt	57.30	59.08†	+ 0.35	1.70
European Exmpt	82.30	84.85†	- 0.11	1.30
Pacific Exmpt	59.75	61.60†	- 0.09	0.70
US Exmpt	73.38	75.67†	+ 0.15	1.90
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	48.63	51.95	+ 0.08	
Cap Protector Inc	40.77	43.60†	- 0.52	2.87
UK Income Inc	50.63	54.15	- 0.40	3.52
Mngd Exmt Inc Inc #	32.20	34.44†	+ 0.08	5.20
Mngd High Yld Inc	77.85	83.25	- 1.17	4.32
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	74.29	79.45	- 1.19	3.81
UK Smaller Cos	33.64	35.98	- 0.37	2.07
Pacific Grth Port	44.38	47.46	- 0.16	0.59
TSB UNIT TRUSTS 01264 346 794				
American	207.64	219.73	- 1.34	
(Accum Units)	228.71	242.02	- 1.48	
Brit Growth	97.07	102.72†	- 0.52	2.19
(Accum Units)	117.77	124.62†	- 0.63	2.19
European	102.82	108.80	- 1.35	1.05
(Accum Units)	109.34	115.70	- 1.43	1.05
Extra Income	191.67	202.83	- 1.24	4.38
(Accum Units)	330.09	349.30	- 2.13	4.38
Smaller Cos	70.66	74.78	- 0.87	1.63
(Accum Units)	79.69	84.32	- 0.99	1.63
General	286.72	303.41	- 2.00	2.46
(Accum Units)	593.50	628.04	- 4.14	2.46
Premier Income	48.11	50.12†	- 0.86	6.28
(Accum Units)	111.29	115.93†	- 1.99	6.28
Income	332.66	352.02	- 2.35	3.86
(Accum Units)	729.40	771.86	- 5.15	3.86
Pacific	398.40	421.59	- 3.23	
(Accum Units)	418.62	442.86	- 3.40	
International	531.64	562.59†	- 3.89	0.26
(Accum Units)	699.54	740.26†	- 5.04	0.26
Ntl Resources	153.71	162.66†	- 2.56	
Sted Opps	106.99	113.21†	- 1.07	1.77
(Accum Units)	136.97	144.94†	- 1.37	1.77
Environmental Inv	82.75	88.40	- 0.50	1.90
Selector	61.44	65.01†	- 1.07	2.10
(Accum Units)	69.90	73.97†	- 1.21	2.10
High Income	64.45	68.20	- 0.28	4.82
(Accum Units)	82.11	86.89	- 0.33	4.82
Intl Income	57.95	61.32†	- 0.19	5.20
(Accum Units)	72.75	76.98†	- 0.23	5.20
Selector Income	59.75	63.23†	- 0.06	4.85
(Accum Units)	71.54	75.71†	- 0.77	4.85
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED 0161 867 1018				
British	326.00	345.20	+ 0.10	3.05
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	201.76	215.79	+ 0.15	2.05
Glob Balncd Inc	170.48	182.77†	- 0.33	3.69
Value Tst Inc	120.79	129.18	- 1.28	1.91
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 246 3000 Dealing 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	40.89	43.60	- 0.23	7.50
European Growth	273.88	286.78	- 1.47	0.40
Exempt	526.83	549.66†	+ 0.72	3.00
Global Em Mkts	78.53	82.23†	- 0.47	0.40
Japan Tst	77.11	80.74†	- 0.04	
Little Dragons	83.55	87.48†	- 0.33	.
Nth Amer Gwth	229.51	240.32	+ 0.06	0.60
Oriental Income	42.99	45.01	- 0.19	2.50
Preference	123.31	129.12†	- 0.12	9.10
Tiger	257.75	269.89†	- 0.98	..
(Accum Units)	270.79	283.54†	- 1.00	
UK Blue Chip	62.87	65.83	+ 0.10	2.00
UK Growth	503.74	527.47†	- 0.01	2.40
UK High Yield	102.57	107.40†	- 1.34	4.70
(Accum Units)	336.67	352.53†	- 4.44	4.70
UK Mid-Cap	247.01	258.64†	- 2.99	2.40
UK Smlr Cos	97.04	101.61	- 0.41	1.30
UK Smlr Cos Dtv	86.04	90.09	+ 0.53	5.40
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD 01277 680 336				
UK Equity Income	99.31	105.65	+ 0.09	3.12
UK Equity Growth	88.11	93.73	+ 0.22	2.49
European	70.50	75.00	- 0.65	1.17
Nth American	71.95	76.54	- 0.22	1.08
Far Eastern	69.81	74.27	- 0.31	0.81
Money	67.68	67.68	+ 0.02	4.65
Fixed Interest	71.73	78.31	- 0.25	6.51
Index Linked Gilt	68.22	78.45	- 0.20	1.35
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	24.22	25.49	- 0.38	
Pacific Basin	41.68	43.87	- 0.02	
Global Bond (US$)	0.89	0.93	- 0.002	
Penny Share	38.13	40.13	+ 0.29	..
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 600 0482				
Challenge	95.03	97.17	- 0.29	
Short Dtd Gilt	112.80	114.30†	- 0.10	
UK Govt Bd (US$)	0.74	0.75	- 0.00	0.84
Gilt Income	49.49	51.47	- 0.11	7.50
Gilt Growth	70.67	73.59	- 0.30	
City Reserve	52.46	52.46	+ 0.01	5.75
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	49.83	52.87	- 0.23	1.90
UK Stockmarket	79.88	84.97	+ 0.19	2.63

Source: Finstat

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BANKS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
492	413	Abbey Natl	484	-1	4.8	9.4
295	250	Allied Irish	268	-1	4.8	8.4
233	186	Aus New Z	231	+6	4.9	8.5
3156½	2531¼	Bank America	3075	-12½		
230	191½	Bank Scotland	221	-3	3.4	8.6
665	557½	Barclays†	640	+1	4.1	6.9
339	288	Bk of Ireland	337	...	4.3	9.8
483	418	Cater Allen	483	...	7.3	10.0
2893¾	2450	Citicorp	2881¼	-68¾		
262	219	Close Bros	261	...	3.8	11.8
£153¼	£129¾	Commerzbank	£149½	-150	3.6	
1284¾	893¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1271½	+12½	0.5	..
£317¼	£265	Deutsche Bk	£301¼	-418¾	2.4	..
856¼	612½	Espirito Santo	850	-3¾	9.5	
1508¼	1192¼	Fuji Bank Y	1495½	+1½	0.4	
490	395	Gerrard Nat	431	...	7.0	12.4
253	195	Hambros	215	+1	8.7	13.2
736½	589	HSBC†	732	-½	4.6	9.2
740	578	HSBC HK†	715	-½	4.7	9.0
408	363	Joseph (L)	363	...	6.1	10.6
103	85	King Shaxson	92	+4½	12.2	9.1
663	529	Kleinwort Bent	642	-1	4.2	11.5
645	530	Lloyds†	642	-2½	5.0	10.8
552	479	Nat Aust Bk	536	-2	6.2	9.4
556	454	Nat West†	542	+1½	5.0	9.1
2400	2150	Ottoman Bank	2375	...	8.6	3.4
67	53	Rea Bros†	53	...	2.4	18.5
429	373½	Ryl Bk Scot	414	-2	4.2	11.9
1663	1360	Schroders	1618	...	1.6	15.4
1465	1235	Schroders N/V†	1413	-2	1.8	13.4
88½	81	Singer & Fredt	84	...	5.2	
308	246	Stand Chart†	300	-1	3.3	9.2
254½	217	TSB	249	-5	4.5	10.6
93	70	Union	89	+5	4.2	
784	656	Warburg SG	775	+6	3.5	14.2
£103¼	9043¾	Wells Fargo†	£103	-75	2.8	..
237¼	211	Westpac	228½	-1¼	2.4	..
235	200	Wintrust	203	...	6.5	13.6

BREWERIES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
172	143	Ascot Hldgs	158	+8		
564	487	Bass	549	...	4.8	13.6
271	239	Boddington	265	-1	4.2	13.6
177	152	Burtonwd Brw	155	...	4.1	13.0
170	137	Eldridge P 'A'	151	...	3.4	18.3
59	51	Fosters Brewing	58	...	4.7	15.3
368	335	Fuller Sm 'A'	362	...	2.7	15.0
458	402	Greenalls Grp	456	-1	3.6	15.0
532	458	Greene King	515	...	3.2	14.0
267	240	Hardy Hansn	247	...	4.8	12.1
156	150	Heavitree	150	...	3.8	10.6
3425	3315	Holt Jr	3315	-15	2.8	
248	219	Mansfield	246	...	2.4	15.0
312	266	Marston Thmp	289	...	2.6	14.1
465	400	Morland	457	...	2.9	13.7
8½	6½	Pacamaro†	8	...	1.8	18.9
366	307	Regent Inns	366	...	2.8	20.9
1787½	1287½	SA Breweries	1706¼	+18¾	1.6	27.8
545	489	Scot & New	536	...	4.1	15.3
237	211	Vaux Group	235	...	5.2	13.3
504	448	Wetherspoon JD†	481	-1	1.8	22.7
572½	521	Whitbread	565	-1	4.2	15.4
537	483	Wolvrhmptn D	522	+1	3.3	13.5
218	186	Yates Bros	217	...	2.2	17.1
465	450	Young 'A'	455	...	4.1	19.2

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
150	125	Abbey	130	...	5.0	9.5
161	143	Allen	158	+2	4.4	14.8
78	56	Amec†	68	-4	5.7	
187	133	Andrews Sykes	185	+7		
437	412	Ashtead	437	+2	1.7	18.7
105	85	Avonside†	85	...	6.5	
38	31	Bailey (Ben) Cont	31	-½	4.2	
45	38	Barcom	38	+7		
195½	158	Barratt Devel	187	-1	4.3	13.1
140	122	Beazer Homes	137	...	4.9	10.8
224	180	Bellway	224	+5	3.9	13.3
37	27	Bellwinch	30	...	0.8	16.1
378	315	Berkeley Gp	365	-2	2.5	11.6
178	168	Best Bros	168	...	3.3	5.2
245	195	Boot (Henry)†	195	-3½	4.6	
129	93	Brandon Hire	116	...	2.0	19.7
169	120	Br Bldg & Engt	120	...	8.3	16.5
134	105	Bryant	122	+½	5.2	11.6
118	98	CALA	118	+1	3.2	13.5
38	29	Campbell & Arm	37			
54	48	Clarke T†	52	...	9.8	12.9
24¼	10	Costain	12½			
110	85	Countryside	94	...	5.6	11.9
81	60	Crest Nicholson	66	...	3.8	9.2
98	80	Cussins†	83	...	5.6	
25	18	Edmond Hldgs	25	...	0.8	
275	208	Eve Group	210	...	6.5	8.8
29	20	Galliford	20	...	6.2	
98	86	Gibbs & Dandy†	89	...	4.2	
883	828	Gleeson (MJ)†	828	-1½	3.2	15.8
88	71	Green (Ernest)†	71	...	8.9	19.0
215	178	Havelock Euro	210	...	1.8	
178	136	Hewden-Stuart	172	...	2.4	18.9
93	73	Higgs & Hill†	76	...	4.1	
22	16	Howard Hldgs	16	...	6.2	12.2
11¼	8¼	Jarvis	11½			
117	98	Kellert	100	...	3.9	10.2
223	186	Laing (J)†	202	...	5.6	
97	82	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf†	89½	...	9.6	
124	115	Lon Clydeside	117	...	5.7	12.4
61	32	Lovell (YJ)	39	...	3.2	4.8
210	185	Maunders (J)	185	...	3.7	10.2
181	136	McAlpine (A)†	150	+1	5.0	
60	48	McCarthy & S	50	...	...	20.8
61	51	Morgan Sindall	52			
106	74	Mowlem (J)†	74	...	3.4	38.0
204	163	Persimmon	170	...	5.8	13.0
2400	1700	Pochins	1712½	...	2.3	12.0
126	105	Prowting	112	...	4.0	17.1
53	23	Raine Ind	30	...	10.4	6.2
48	45	Secure Retire	45	...	...	14.6
118	93	Redrow	113	...	3.0	13.2
62	49	Swift-River†	61	...	2.0	
398	362	Sheriff Hldgs	365	...	2.0	15.2
112½	88	Shearco†	94	...	5.1	
318	258	Spender	294	...	1.7	20.5
176	155	Tay Homes†	156	...	5.3	10.9
132	114	Taylor Woodrw†	121	-1	2.3	22.0
588	433	Tilbury Dougls	460	-3	9.4	17.9
59½	52	Torex Hire	52	...	3.1	18.2
39	16	Try Group†	18	...	8.9	25.3
109	103	Vibroplant	103	...	4.5	18.5
116	97	Wainhomes	109	...	5.6	11.8
69	50	Ward Hldgs	50	...	3.8	7.0
146	123	Westbury	144	...	4.7	13.1
5½	3½	Wiggins	3½			
163	124	Wilson (C)†	156	...	3.6	11.6
348	308	Wilson Bowdn†	336	...	3.7	12.4
138	113	Wimpey G†	134	...	5.1	16.6

BUILDING MATERIALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
14	7½	Allnghton	9	...	6.9	15.2
343	331	Alumasc	333	+1	2.5	18.7
52	47	Amberley Gp	50	...	3.1	25.7
324	268	BPB Ind	268	-1	3.9	13.7
131	122	Baggeridge Brk	131	...	3.0	13.5
36	27	Barcom†	29	...	8.6	17.5
71	52	Blockleys†	60	...	1.7	
316	255	Blue Circle†	287	-2	5.1	17.7
84	79	Breedon PLC†	79	...	7.6	
136	119	Br Dredging†	121	+1	5.8	14.6
387	338	CRH†	378	-1	2.7	14.2
45	38	Cakebread Rby	43	...	3.6	
210	198	Caper†	198	...	6.9	14.4
273	220	Caradon†	246	-2	4.8	12.6
132	114	Caradon pf†	123	-5½	7.4	
55	31	Chelton Gp	31	...	12.1	11.5
112	105	Dyson (J&J)	106	...	4.1	18.0
72	63	Dyson 'A'	63	...	8.9	8.5
15½	11½	Eclipse Blinds	15¼			
310	274	Epwin†	305	+1	3.6	
62	53	Erith†	53	...	5.3	
181	160	Graham Grp†	167	+2	3.9	
344	312	Halstead (J)†	324	...	3.0	14.5
313	282	Hepworth†	305	+1	6.1	14.2
85	80	Hewetson	80	...	2.3	13.9
104½	73	Hewitt (J)	78	...	2.8	
268	239	Hewd Wimt	248	...	6.9	11.9
85	75	Ibstock†	80	...	2.3	
386	262	Johnston	295	...	4.3	
108	85	Lilleshall†	85	...	7.1	10.2
139¼	118½	Marley▼	123	...	4.8	11.0
148	123	Marshalls	134	-1	4.2	11.9
371	289	Meyer Intl	336	+1	4.0	13.1
178	160	Newman Tonks†	167	...	5.1	15.7
108	76	Norcros	90	+1	9.7	17.1
16	12	Phoenix Timber	16			
182	143	Pilkington	179½	+1	2.8	34.8
169	122	Polypipe	166	+3	1.8	17.5
1052	902	RMC Grp†	1008	...	2.9	14.7
18	8	Ramus	8			
478	406	Redland†	410	+1½	5.1	13.0
116½	91½	Rockel▼	104	...	5.2	15.5
123	104	Rugby Group†	120	...	3.8	14.8
95	88	Russell (A)†	95	...	3.3	
282	222	SGI†	233	+5	3.2	
19	11	SWP	17	...	1.5	
180	173	Sharpe & Fisher†	173	...	3.6	
43	36	Spring Ram	41	...	1.5	33.8
128	99	Tarmac†	117	-½	5.9	15.0
160	151	Tilon	151	...	3.7	12.2
296	265	Travis Perkins†	276	...	4.1	
30	24	Tudor†	30	...	2.1	29.0
41	34	Unigroup	40			
48	33	Warmhouse	35			
111	83	Wickes	108	...	2.1	5.2
408½	324	Wolseley	347	-1	3.3	12.2

BUSINESS SERVICES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2	1½	Anglo Utd	1½	...	...	...
86	57	App Holo	67			
7½	6½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	8.1	7.7
54	42	Black Arrow	46	...	...	62.8
84	69	Br Bloodstock	70			
6	3¼	Cand Gp	3¼			
6½	4½	Cherne	4½	...	2.8	14.1
153	135	Cosalt	146	+3	7.2	9.6
250½	215	Filofax	252	-2	1.0	21.7
43	24	Headway	28	+1	3.1	21.8
365	248	Hozelock	303	+1	3.0	15.0
158	132	Leigh	139	+1½	7.0	12.8
231	139	Mooo Gp	140	...	5.5	8.1
265	210	Photo-Me	243	...	2.5	23.6
68	53	Plant & Gen	64	...	5.0	
11	7	Rodime	7½			
92	73	Shanks & McEwan	86	-½	3.1	
183	160	Sinclair (Wm)	178	+1	5.1	13.3
414	241	Waste Mgt Intl	260	...	...	9.4

CHEMICALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
176	154	Albright & W	174	+1	4.3	
131	109	Allied Colloids	128	...	2.3	18.1
785	780	Amber Ind	783	...	3.4	15.5
£141¼	£120¾	BASF DM	£137	+40¾	3.2	
757	689	BOC	752	-3½	4.1	18.0
303	236	BTP	280	...	4.9	15.9
£160½	£141¾	Bayer DM50	£152¼	-265¾	3.8	
118	103	Blagden	118	...	1.8	55.2
115	101	Brent Chems	115	...	4.6	15.9
258	210	Br Vita	253	-1	3.8	16.8
52	30	Cambridge Iso	42			
214	184	Canning (W)†	203	...	4.6	
474	401	Courtaulds	448	-2	4.2	30.5
387½	320	Croda†	344	-4	3.0	18.7
170	125	DeeRest	170	...	3.9	
90	58	Euro Colour	86	...	2.5	24.9
122	114	Ellison©	114	...	6.0	10.5
145	130	Hickson†	133	...	4.7	12.7
£143¾	£127¾	Hoechst	£132¾	-43¾	3.9	
212	190	Holliday Chem†	196	...	4.6	14.0
789	660	ICI	754	-1	4.1	33.7
139	97½	Kalon	#139	...	4.0	13.5
722	620	Laporte†	701	...	2.4	15.2
85	78	MTM†	78	...	4.1	13.8
336	293	Manders†	336	+1	9.6	15.8
65	30	Metrotect	45	...	4.4	6.1
468¼	382¾	Monsanto†	424¼	+2¾	1.7	20.7
363	280	Porvair	355	...	3.4	24.5
278	188	Scapa	217	+½	4.6	17.6
33	16	Sutcliffe Speak	19	...	1.3	11.3
863½	695¾	Takeda Chem	797½	...	6.7	9.2
350	315	Wardle Storeys†	330	...	3.7	15.9
193	186	Wellington Hdg†	186	...	3.5	
789	728	Wolstenholme Rt	733	...	4.2	14.0
368	328	Yorks Chem	341	...	3.2	15.3
285	236	Yule Catto†	277			

DISTRIBUTORS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
105	91	ABI Leis	103	...	4.9	11.8
565	535	Adam & Harvey	545	...	3.6	6.8
21	16	Alexanders	20	...	8.2	9.6
113	88	Appleyard†	107	...	8.6	
4¼	3½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	1.7	26.8
560	518	BSS Group	560	+5	4.1	19.7
24½	20½	Bearing Power	22½	+1½	5.6	11.5
26	25	Bogod 'A'	25	...	3.5	10.5
374	345	Brammer†	374	+2	4.4	
18	10½	Brecknell Gp	17	...	1.5	
96	87	Brit Fittings†	90	...	4.2	
48	39	Brown & Tawse	42			
39	33	Burndene	36	-1	6.7	
270	215	Caffyns	245	...	5.9	40.2
88	66	Central Mtr	73	...	4.7	48.6
42	35	Cook (DC)	39	...	3.7	12.0
269	220	Cowie	257	...	4.4	17.1
143	126	Dag Motors†	137	...	6.4	
598	556	Dinkhams El	558	...	1.5	13.8
475	408	Diploma	463	...	3.8	16.3
540	472	Electrocomponents	536	...	2.4	22.0
173	153	Electron House	166	+1	2.7	14.0
283	234	Ellis & Everard	254	...	3.9	16.9
111	87	European Mtr	104	+1	3.4	11.3
401	384	Evans Halshaw†	386	...	4.8	11.4
595	512	Farnell Elect†	578	+½	1.9	
60	48	Fife Indmar▼	48	...	7.8	
24½	15	Gardiner	23½	...	4.3	10.8
24	16	Glenchewton	19½	+2½	...	21.5
73	61	Goorous†	66	+½	4.3	
73	62	Hallen Hidgs†	69	...	1.8	13.2
172	148	Hanna (Philip)	165	...	5.2	14.5
326	258	Henlys	326	...	3.3	16.1
98	81	Holdics Tech†	94	...	8.8	20.2
110	89	ISA Intl	94	-1	2.5	
430	274	Inchcape†	329½	+10½	5.7	12.7
66	53	Jacks (Wm)	66	...	...	15.3
167	142	Kwik-Fit	153	...	3.6	15.1
339	277	Lex Service	330	...	5.3	17.6
195	164	Lookers	168	...	5.6	9.3
15	14	Malaya Grp	14½	...	3.4	34.5
8½	5	Moderomx	5¼	...	11	
435	330	Norbain	340	...	0.8	15.2
173	78	Northamber	112	+4½	1.5	47.6
155	152	PCT	154	...	6.5	
253	225	Pendragon	249	+1	4.1	14.4
161	123	Perry Gp	141	...	6.9	
135	126	Quicks Group†	132	...	5.2	
171	160	REA	168	...	3.0	
3¼	3	Reece	3			
6	2½	Ross Gp	4½	...	5.6	
51½	37½	SEP Ind	49	...	2.7	16.3
53	38	TLS Range†	52	+4	3.6	
223	226	Tame Products	231	...	4.7	15.5
216	151	Vardy (Reg)	216	...	3.0	16.1
248	240	Wholesale Ftgs	248	...	5.9	22.1
18½	12½	Wills Gp	13	...	4.8	7.3
74½	62½	Witcher	67½	...	1.2	22.8
71	56½	Wyko	71	...	1.8	25.6
80	68	Young (H)	75	...	6.0	14.8

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
165	149	Adwest†	159	...	6.1	13.7
333	235	Autoglass†	293	+3	1.7	25.2
997	801	Broken Hill	905	+15	2.5	
339	291	BTR†	329	...	5.0	15.2
478	405	BAT†	473	+4	5.8	14.2
270½	216	Berisford Intl	245	...	0.3	64.6
89	71	Bibby (J)	87	+1	4.3	16.1
48	40	Brenley Inv	45½	-1½	8.9	2.7
820	743	Charter†	805	+9	3.7	13.0
238½	185	Cookson▼	235	+1	3.7	14.8
248½	228	Hanson	239½	+¼	6.3	14.8
162½	136	Harrison Crsfld†	155	...	7.3	18.7
283	200¾	Hutch Whamp	263¾	-4¾	2.8	
584½	415½	Jardine Math	493½	-3¾	3.1	
38	27	Jourdan (T)	27½	...	5.8	
168	134	Lonrho	164½	-½	3.4	30.1
130	113	McLeod Russel	129	...	8.0	14.1
44	39	Porter Chadbrn	42			
511	447	Powell Duffryn	498	...	8.3	14.0
132	123	Reporer†	132	+2	7.8	11.4
612	438	Robbreos	611	...	3.9	29.6
15½	10	Saltire	11½	...	...	3.7
150	120	Sime Darby†	150	...	2.9	19.0
186	164	Staveley	184	...	5.8	56.7
165	148	Swire†	165	+4	7.2	13.0
253	227	TI Group†	232½	+1½	2.9	14.4
249½	214	Tomkins	235	+1	4.1	15.1
78	50½	Trafalgar H	55½	...	2.3	
285	236	Unilever	285	...	6.0	
300	241	Wassall†	245	+1	2.1	
188	182	Watmoughs	166	...	2.6	18.2
11½	9	Wideby	9½	...	2.6	14.8
350	312	Williams Hldgs†	330	-3	5.1	15.7

ELECTRICITY

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
650	554	East Midlands	657	-2	5.3	27.6
600	505	Eastern Grp	637	+1	4.3	13.9
785	548	London Elect	641	+2	4.8	9.8
886	621	Manweb	677	+3	5.0	8.1
827	583	Midlands Elec	647	...	4.8	9.9
496	421½	National Power	453	-1	4.3	12.4
1138	715	Northern Elec	814	+9	5.1	8.4
971	313	Nthn Ireland	350	...	4.2	9.5
867	611	Norweb	655	...	4.7	7.9
542	457½	PowerGen	483	-½	3.9	10.4
332½	303	Hydro-Elect	322	...	5.1	10.2
350	309½	Scottish Power	337	-1	4.8	10.7
484	304	Seeboard	375	+2	4.2	10.5
912	630	Sth Wales	689	-2	3.3	9.3
888	603	Sth Western	665	...	4.7	8.8
826	548	Southern Elec	659	-2	4.6	9.6
909	599	Yorkshire Elec	674	-2	6.2	11.5

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
317	292	Acal	303	...	2.9	16.4
87½	77¼	Acorn Comp	87			
636	625	Admiral†	634	...	1.6	19.3
218	195	Alba	217	...	2.9	16.9
202	127½	Amstrad	201	+2	1.6	..
39	30	Arlen†	35	...	1.4	
80½	77	Astec†	87½	...	1.7	
174	116	Aztec	173	+1	2.2	14.0
364	287	BICC†	330	-1	4.8	16.4
250	225	Bates Hustr	227	...	5.5	12.2
478	430	BICC	477	-1	3.2	16.1
357	284	Bowthorpe†	357	+3	2.9	18.0
20	17½	Belgo (AF) 'A'	18½	...	1.7	10.6
201	188	CML Micro	187	+1	4.5	10.7
39	28	Chantel Hldgs	30	...	3.2	8.5
23	19	Chloride	19½	...	1.9	35.3
75	61	Clayhithe	68	...	3.1	
190	105	Copymore	165	...	3.3	
170	71	Cray Elect	71	-2	4.4	8.3
478	467	Critchley	469	+1	2.3	18.8
440	330	Dania Ba Sys	395	-35	0.6	
500	421	Dale	488	-2	4.0	17.4
565	505	Domino	528	-1	2.3	18.1
72	65	Dowding Mills†	72	...	4.8	22.8
1503	1465	Druck	1475	...	0.9	25.1
3303½	2750	Electrolux 'B'	3153½	-3¾	3.4	
31½	26	Emess†	29¾	...	0.4	
4200	3393¾	Ericsson 'B'	4171¼	+58¾	1.1	27.9
79	64	Eurocopy	75	-1	3.3	15.0
440	370	Eurotherm	440	+7	1.5	22.7
420	375	Fairey Group†	428	+3¾	2.0	
275	163	Filtronic Com	275	...	0.4	51.3
273	195	Forward Gp	268	...	2.6	18.5
86	40	Forward Tech†	57	...	4.4	9.3
310	269	GEC	302	-3	4.5	14.9
123	103	Gestetner†	103	+1½	3.1	
147	132	Grasoby†	147			
141	110	Intl Control†	111	...	5.7	
17	15	Intek	15½	...	5.6	9.9
320	254	Kenwood App	284	-1	4.1	14.0
69	50	Kode	57	...	8.0	
45	38	LPA Ind	28½	...	7.0	30.3
315	295	MTL Instr	315	...	1.9	17.9
278	254	Manwr-Sn	278	...	2.0	18.5
39½	30½	Microvitec	33	...	1.5	11.1
324	224	Milei	293	...	8.3	
89	60	Pacer Systemst	64	...	3.2	
84	73	Peek†	81	+¼	3.2	15.0
2415¾	1893¾	Philips Lmp Dv	2390¾	+9¾	2.1	9.6
349	290	Pilco	291	...	2.0	18.6
327	270	Pilco 'A' Vtg	273	...	2.1	17.4
138	116	Plasmec	136	...	3.7	13.9
128	96	Pressac†	124	...	2.9	19.5
27	23	Prestwick	25			
323	243	Psion†	323	+5	1.4	18.7
252	217	Racal Elect	242	-2	2.3	19.9
88	44	Radamec	67	+1	4.0	14.5
235	202¾	Rodime	228	-1	2.8	
30½	10½	Scantronic	12			
45	38	Silverlines	40			
62	53	Soundtracks	60	...	5.2	13.7
67	46	Stan Box	63	...	5.6	5.5
9½	7½	TDS Circuits	8	+¼		
3100	2468¾	TDK	2915¾	+3¾	1.3	
378	174½	Tadpole Tech	216	-1		
88	57	Telemetrix†	72	+3	2.1	10.1
94	83	TGI	90	...	3.1	16.8
442	342	Telespect	432	...	1.1	30.9
251	226	Thorpe FW†	235	...	1.8	15.9
158	130	TLG	154	-2	2.8	22.1
39	28	Total Systems	28	...	...	29.1
282	227	Tunstall	241	...	2.0	16.2
391	350	Unitech	367	...	2.3	18.5
9½	8	Verity	8	...	...	21.5
385	368	Volex	375	...	6.1	15.7
79	38	Wace	42	+3½		
127	122	Whessoe	122	...	2.4	..

ENGINEERING

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
192	167	AIM	192	+2	2.9	..
78	47½	APV†	76½	...	5.9	
216	178	ASW†	208	...	3.8	36.8
35	37	Aero Hamble	36	...	16.7	2.8
95	42	Alvis	91½	+1½	1.4	
151	133	Ash & Lacy†	149	...	5.4	12.6
553	538	Atlas Equipt	540	...	5.1	
138	118	Ayrshire Metal†	138	...	4.5	
30½	22½	Babcock	27			
138	122	BWT	135	...	6.2	17.3
86	77	Baynes (Charles)†	85	+3	2.9	18.3
35	27½	Beaufort▼	30½	+¼	1.0	7.2
120	110	Billiam (J)	115	...	5.8	
335	308	Bodycote	333	...	2.2	
81	73	Booth Inds	73			
15½	13½	Boxmoor	15	...	4.4	14.1
169	137	Bridon	138	...	3.7	13.5
543	418½	Br Aerospace▼	540	+4	2.3	20.2
172½	144	Br Steel	170½	+1½	2.6	20.8
93	79	Bromsgrove Ind	79	...	7.2	13.3
13½	11½	Brooke Tool	12	...	1.0	27.8
49	39½	Brunel	40½			
177	146	Bullough	177	+5	4.3	18.8
85	71	Burnfield	85	+1	4.0	15.6
17	14	CI Group	14	...	2.7	
277	238	Cardo Eng	259	...	5.0	15.7
159	150	Castings	153	...	2.3	18.8
150	150	Chamberlin Hill	150	...	5.6	8.5
335	294	Charmring	320	...	3.8	15.0
182	143	Clyde Blowers	169	...	3.3	
336	302	Cobham†	317	+2	3.3	
533	505	Cohen (A)	398	...	8.8	
186	166	Concentric	187	...	4.1	14.7
241	210	Cook (Wm)	212	...	4.4	10.9
223	193	David Brown	221	...	4.0	
81	68	Dobson Park	80	...	5.9	14.8
399	330	ES	337	+2	4.8	
91	81	Elliott (B)	84	...	2.7	14.1
92	81	Expamet†	82	...	4.6	13.3
160	135	FKI	159	...	3.3	18.4
138	135	Fenner	135	+3	1.4	63.3
26	16	Ferguson	16			
91	77	GEI Intl	91	...	3.4	16.6
131	117	Gamon Eng	131	...	5.4	
338	292	Glynwed†	329	+12	4.7	16.5
13½	12	Graystone	13½	...	3.0	10.5
75	58	Hadsn MacLn	69	...	4.5	11.3
158	133	Hadleigh	151	-1	2.1	17.1
177	135	Hall Eng	170	+2	5.8	..
218	178	Halma	203	-6	1.5	21.9
57	44	Hampson Ind	44	...	5.8	8.2
28	19	Hay (Norman)	25			
125	110	Hill & Smith	121	...	6.2	15.7
59	35	Hopkinsons	57	...	2.9	
53	29	How Gp	31	...	3.7	
94	74	Howden†	76	-1	4.1	12.5
180	162	Hunting†	168	...	7.4	18.5
323	286	IMI†	304	+1	4.3	18.2
45	40½	Johnson & FB	44½			
559	505	Johnson Matth	544	-1½	2.8	20.3
31	28	Jones Stroud	28			
334	310	Kelsey Ind	372	...	3.2	14.6
288	265	Linval	286	...	3.2	15.9
15	11½	Lucius (T) A	15½	...	3.2	
35	29	ML Hldgs	34	...	3.1	11.8
26	18	MS Intl	21	...	8.8	12.7
161	137	Mapp Bronset	141	-1	4.0	12.0
435	378	McKechnie	405	...	4.6	24.7
84	81	Meggitt†	73	-½	6.7	
112	101	Metalrax	105	...	4.9	
131	130	Molins	130	...	2.9	
600	497	Morgan Crucbl	580	...	3.5	10.8
346	283	Morgan Crcbl†	324	-½	3.1	16.0
230	178	Marsh Ashley	230	...	3.4	16.8
38	32	Neepsend	35	...	4.7	16.5
70	48	Nortmatic	63	...	3.4	17.4
45	31	Newmark (L)	#31			
41½	31	OMI Intl	13½	...	16.2	59.4
351	315	Oxford Intl	347½	...	1.8	20.5
278	233	Powerscreen	279	...	3.4	11.7
13½	10½	Prospect Inds	11½	+1	8.0	8.0
73	67	Richard Metal	67			
84	41	Ransomes	38			
86	78	Record	77	...	8.0	15.1
344	265	Renshaw	335	+10	2.4	26.5
194	180	Renold	194	+2	1.9	29.9
58	47	Ricardo (Leics)	49	...	5.8	
78	68	Richardson Westt	75	...	5.7	
179½	149	Rolls-Royce▼	171	...	3.7	25.8
173	159½	Rotork	160	+1½	3.8	
160	143	Rubicon	155	...	3.9	28.3
86	67	Senior Engt	82½	...	5.2	18.4
270	254	Servomex†	265	...	3.3	17.8
585	498	Siebe	581	-2	2.5	18.1
86	67	Simon Eng	79	+1½		
82	79	Six Hundred	81	...	2.3	28.0
1309	1034¾	SKF 'B'	1237½	+6¾	2.9	
488	423	Smiths Ind†	477	-3	3.5	16.6
495	431	Spirax-Sarco†	485	...	2.9	17.7
250	227	Sterling Ind	250	+1	3.5	16.2
368	328	TI†	363	+4	4.1	16.7
100	97	Tinsley (E)	97	...	7.2	13.2
72	51	Transfer Tech	72	...	3.5	
136	127	Triplex Lloyd	135	...	6.5	
19	14	Utd Inds▼	15½	...	2.6	14.8
1700	1350	VSEL	1697	+3	3.1	
15½	11½	Vesper	11½			
195	162	Vickers†	187	-2	3.2	17.8
287	240	Victoria†	257	...	4.8	13.6
10	8½	Villiers Grp	10	+½		
564	505	Vinten	564	...	2.8	
779	722	Vosper Thorny	778	...	3.0	16.9
481	444	Wagon Ind	488	...	4.7	24.0
283	222	Weir†	294	...	3.7	18.0
41	36	Wellman	39½	...	3.2	64.5
455	380	Westmont†	438	...	3.2	14.6

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
38	33	AAF Inds	35			
160	153	Airflow Stream	156	...	3.2	15.3
48½	41	Armour†	41½	...	5.5	8.7
473	440	Avon Rubber	473	+3	4.4	17.0
214	181	BBA†	209	...	2.8	
65½	49½	BSG†	65½	+1	6.1	
13	8½	Barlow Group	8½	...	5.1	11.7
320	285	Bostrom†	318	+3	2.4	
24	17	Bowthd	17	...	7.4	
13½	10	Cavendish	12¼	...	2.8	
357	323	ERF	348	...	1.4	
413	370	Flight Tech	413	+3	1.8	23.8
649	543	GKN†	649	+3	4.1	19.8
2800	2343¾	General Mtr	2800	+112½	1.8	
1152	938½	Honda Motor	1088	+1	0.5	
345	304	Laird†	335	...	4.2	12.7
375	345	Lookers	375			
204	163	Lucas†	182	...	4.6	
66	53	Mayflower†	64	+2	2.9	18.7
71	62	Midstates	67	-½		
168	158	Sytner	162	...	3.9	17.9
169	140	T & N†	151	...	5.0	
343	324	Trinity Hldgs	338	...	2.7	

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
655	536	AB Food	647	-2	3.1	13.2
267	223	Acatos & Hutch	244	...	4.8	9.3
48	38	Albert Fisher†	42½	+¼	11.0	12.6
220	208	Banks (S C)	208	...	6.1	9.3
387	333	Barr (AG)	362	...	2.7	15.8
40	15	Bensons Crsp	19			
429	374	Booker†	417	+3	6.7	19.8
47½	31	Borthwick	36	...	4.5	17.1
202	191	CPL Aromas	191	...	2.9	18.2
457	378	Cadbury-Schw	447	-½	4.5	13.8
267	236	Carrs Milling	239	...	3.2	10.9
175	145	Creswick	175	...	5.9	12.7
138	109	Dalepak	104	...	2.4	
445	378¼	Dalgety†	438	-1	2.8	12.0
54	34	Daniels St	34	...	0.4	
243	208	Devro†	238	+4	3.7	
98	82	Everest†	78	...	4.3	19.3
5½	3½	Farmfine†	5½			
78	60	Finlay (James)	62	+2	8.4	8.4
15	10	Glebe†	10½	...	8.2	
57	44	Grand Central	45			
439	408	Greencore	439	...	3.0	11.5
116	91	Hazlewood Fds	95	...	5.8	5.9
194	170	Hillsdown†	185	+1	6.2	12.4
28	22½	Hobson	24½	...	1.8	
85	63	JLI Group	83	-2	9.6	8.9
393	350	Linton Park	353	...	5.5	
114	96	Matthews (B)†	101	-2	3.9	9.8
239	211	Nichols (J)†	218	+3	3.5	14.4
221	181	Nine Foods	192	-3	5.7	9.9
15	8½	Nrthmbrn Fn	10½	...	...	26.3
230	80	Pascoe's	90			
69	60	Perkins Food†	62	-3	9.0	
133	111	Sanfords†	124	+1		
112	84	Seaby Fane	112	+5	3.9	
76	62	Sims Food	76	...	13.4	
445	412	Tate & Lyle	437	+4	4.1	9.0
281		Tesall	281	+2	2.0	19.8
395	333	Unigate	380	-2	5.8	10.4
1258	1124	Unilever†	1219	-8	2.7	14.7
8384¾	7200	Unilever (NV)	8146¾	-75	3.0	12.3
368	305	Utd Biscuits†	348	-1	5.5	15.0
37	35	West Trust	35	...	8.8	24.5
110	80	Yorkshire Food†	86	+3	5.1	12.7

HEALTHCARE

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
448	280	AAH	435	...	5.1	15.3
911	770	Amersham	911	+8	2.2	19.1
57	44	Amgen	50	+1		
207	175	Assoc Nursg	178	...	1.6	10.4
333	239	Bespak	258	+3	4.8	13.2
80	86	Care UK	80			
91	71	Celsis	86	+2		
42	31	Cortecs	42	+2½		
240	198	Community Ht	237	-1	4.3	13.6
35	29	Denticare†	33	+1	3.0	
113	78	Ferraris	87	+1	2.3	11.1
86	60	Ferraris Group	77	...	3.7	18.5
158	137	Goldsborough	148	...	2.8	13.3
10	9½	Greenacre	9¾	...	4.6	
618	428	Huntgdn Tec	603	+5	1.3	
77	45	Intercare Gp	68	-1	8.4	12.2
282	235	Isotron†	239	...	2.6	14.8
142	129	Life Sciences†	137	...	4.0	12.6
111	85	Lon Intl	109			
55	41	Medical-Bird†	54	...	7.3	
1½	½	Premier Health	1			
254	230	Quality Care	230	...	2.4	11.4
185	118	Schroff†	184	...	4.9	
371	328	Seton Health	371	...	2.3	18.9
56	32	Shield Diag	47	+2		
173	152	Smith & Nephew†	169½	+1½	3.9	19.2
12	7	Specialeyes	12			
228	185	Takare	209	+1	1.4	
274	234	UniChem†	265	+2	3.4	13.7
357	282	West Allmcare	303	...	2.0	15.9

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
203	189	Airsprung	190	...	3.2	12.3
158	135	BLP Group†	140	...	2.7	
38	29	Wilson Bros	31			
108	60	Crawn Par 'A'	80	...	8.0	
170	145	Creighton N	148	...	6.5	10.4
150	141	Denby Group	150	...	2.6	16.3
135	130	Gaskell	132	...	4.1	
5	2	Liberfloat	3	+1		
208	160	Mayborn†	198	...	4.0	12.1
275	243	Delfame Ind	274	...	4.9	12.4
480	383	Osborne & Little	396	...	2.4	12.0
450	403	Paterson Zoch	418	...	4.2	12.8
420	365	Paterson Zch 'A'†	379	...	4.6	11.5
655	584	Reckitt Colmn†	640	-1	3.6	56.4
291	259	Relyon	274	...	3.2	
280	148	Silentnight	178	-1	5.6	11.2
32½	28	Stoddard	28½	+½	7.0	10.7
210	185	Tomkinsons	185	...	8.7	24.9
130	104	Victoria Carpet	104	...	5.4	5.9
108	94½	Walker Greenbk	98	...	4.8	
60	51	Welded Widget†	54	-½	1.9	
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	3.4	15.1

INSURANCE

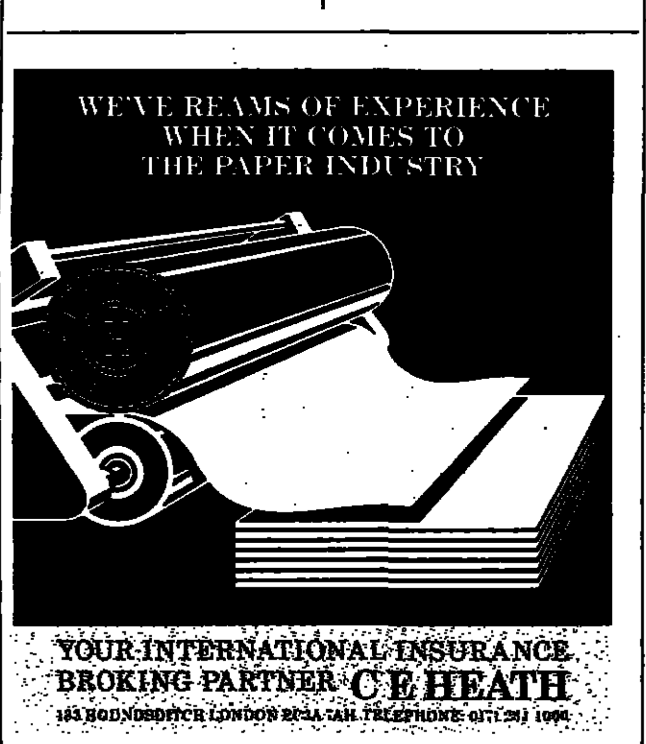
1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1580	1187½	Alex & Alex	1497½	...	4.5	
2002½	1767½	Am Gen	2050	+6¾	3.7	
91	76	Angustan	78	+1	3.2	84.3
83	54	Archer	59	-2	2.1	
88	81	Bradstock	82	...	8.7	9.3
523	385	Britannic†	512	...	3.4	
89	84	CLM Insce	85	...	3.1	
577	473	Com Union†	557	...	6.0	18.7
98	78	Delian	79	...	2.4	
1669	1325	Dom & Genl	1420	...	2.5	15.2
172½	158¾	FBD E	172¼	...	4.3	
164	139	Fenchurch Gp	155	-½	6.5	10.9
93	82	Firsbury Under	84	+1½	2.9	64.2
598	499	Gen Accident†	558	-2	6.5	8.2
197	160½	GRE†	190	+1½	5.4	
92	79	HCS Lloyds†	88½	...	4.5	
247	227	Heath C E	246	-3	8.3	
219½	203½	Hibernian £	207¾	...	4.9	
111	88	Hiscox Select	89	...	3.5	35.1
284	256	Independent†	280	...	4.2	7.8
203	178	Irish Life†	199	...	5.9	18.8
135	118	JIB Group†	132	...	7.1	
110	100	Kiln Capital	100½	-½	5.0	
484	414	Legal & Genl†	472	...	5.7	20.8
1678½	1266¾	Liberty Life	1671¼	-6¼	7.6	
109	92	London Ins Mkt	92½	...	2.7	32.2
162	142	Lloyd Thompt	142	-4	7.2	10.0
374	317	Lloyds Abbey†	371	-1	6.6	12.5
345	303	London & Manc	336	-1	6.4	13.9
103	82	London Ins Mkt	92½	...	2.7	32.2
160	144	Lowndes Lamb	160	-1	6.1	9.9
5300	4812½	Marsh McLnt	4862¼	-12½	3.7	
95	79	Masthead	82			
181	148	Melaren Hunst†	148	...	5.8	
86	65	New London Cap	70	+1	1.8	
51	34	Octavin	38	-4	10.4	
110	98	Octel	102	...	8.6	
76	66	Premium Trust†	68	+½	5.7	26.2
111	85	Premium Under	88			
334	290	Prudential†	316	+2	5.7	14.8
36	13	PWS	18	...	4.2	
340	241	Refuge†	320	...	4.8	22.2
342	261	Royal†	305	+2	4.9	5.8
165	146	Sedgwick	158	+1	5.1	16.1
122	98	Steel Burritt	105	+2	10.7	16.1
348½	281	Sun Alliance†	337	...	5.8	16.1
90	65	Syndicate Cap	69	+1	2.3	55.8
75	61	Trade Indemnity†	72	-2½	1.7	
344	302	Transatlantic	333	...	5.0	
610	458	Utd Friendly†	575	+1	4.3	
160	135	Willis Corroon	155	...	5.3	
24	19	Windsor	21	...	3.0	7.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
365	333	3i	352½	-½	2.8	...
97	82	Abtrust Emerg	86½	...	0.4	...
81	73	Abtrust High Inc†	73½	...	10.2	...
218	182	Abtrust N Dawn	198	...	8.6	...
1832	1682	Alliance	1819	-1	3.4	
288	239	American Trust	263	+½	2.6	
420	391	Anglo & O'seas	415	+1	2.2	
151	115	Baillie Gifford SN	119	...	...	...
188	172	Bankers Inv	187	+½	2.8	
44½	32	Baring Em Eu	41½	-½	0.3	
326	300	Baring Tribune	323	...	2.8	
224	216	Berry Starq	224	+3	1.2	
91	84½	Br Assets	87½	...	6.4	
90½	83	Br Empire Sec	88½	...	1.4	
32	25	Br Empire Wts	30			
213	194	Br Inv	212	...	2.9	
101	74½	Brazilian	80½	-½	0.4	
229	211	Brunner	228	+2	3.9	
132½	120½	BZW Conv	129½	+½	7.5	
413	318	Candover†	410	...	3.7	
53	34½	Central Euro Gwth	43	...	1.2	
165	144	China & Eastern	163	...	2.7	
186	161	Cont Assets	174	...	2.2	
80	76	Dartas Inv Inc	76	...	13.1	
308	278	Derby Cap	300			
188	156	Derby Inc	156	...	13.5	
82	51	Drayton Blue	82	...	16.9	
101	88	Drytn Eng Ind	101	...	1.8	
144	122	Drytn Far East	140	-1	0.6	
668	617	Dunedin Inc G	668	+2	5.0	
91	88	Dunedin Japan	88			
305	290	Dunedin Smlr	302	...	3.7	
41	22	Dunedin Wts	40			
738	678	Dunedin Wwide	726	+1	1.6	
100½	82¼	Edin Dragon	92¼	+½		
43½	27½	Edinburgh Inca	29	...	0.2	
302½	261	Edinburgh	286	+½	3.7	
162	127	EFM Japan	159			
332	307	Electra Inv	326	...	2.8	
199	180	Electric Gen	196	...	2.1	
182	174	Eng & Caledon	177	...	2.8	
119	108	English Scot	119			
298	273	European Asset	295	...	2.2	
180	147½	Fidelity Euro Val†	154	...	0.2	
86	65	Fidelity Jap Val†	73½	-½	0.2	
157	149	Finsbury Gr	152	...	2.6	
70	62	First Spanish	69	...	0.5	
294	267	Fleming Amer	284	...	0.7	
74½	51½	Fleming Chinese	58	-½	1.1	
35	22	Fleming Ch Wts	28	-1		
225	198	Fleming Claver†	223	...	3.2	
304	288½	Fleming Cont	303	...	0.8	
158½	126	Fleming Em Mkts	136½			
210	199	Fleming Enty	210	...	2.9	
334	278½	Fleming F East	307	-1	0.6	
357½	327	Fleming Fledg	352	+2	1.1	
102	90	Fleming Hi Inc	101	...	5.5	
87	68	Fleming Indian	71	...	1.6	
45	33	Fleming In Wts	43			
36	29	Fleming Ind	33	...	13.5	
256	208	Fleming Japan	231	+1		
276	252½	Fleming Mercy	264½	...	3.3	
92	72½	Fleming Nat Res	84			
288	269	Fleming Overs	291	-½	1.8	
138½	124	Foreign & Col	136	...	1.7	
102	91	For & Col Inc Gth	100	...	2.6	
120½	93	Fran Eng Mkts	105½	+		
73	67½	Fran Enterprise	71	...	1.4	
220	204½	Fran Eurolst	219	...	0.7	
128	116	Fran German	123	-1	0.5	
316	277	Fran Pacific	304	-1	1.1	
128	120	Fran PEP	128	...	3.4	
165	153	Fran Smaller	165	...	1.8	
108	80	Fran US Smlr	103	-½		
24	17½	Fulcrum Cap	18			
48	39	Fulcrum Inc	39	...	27.8	
148	141	Fulcrum Zero	148			
288	188	Gartmore Brit	302	...	4.5	
144	127	Gartmore Euro	143	...	0.8	
88	84	Gartmore Shrd	88	...	13.6	
218	207	G'more Smlr Cost	216	...	3.3	
100	84	Geared Inc Inv†	84½	-½	12.2	
151	138	Genl Cons Cap	148	-1		
108	104	Genl Inc	108	...	10.8	
98	86	German Inv	96½	-1	8.1	
232	192	Gov Asn Sm Cost	201	...	0.2	
119½	85	Gov Eng Mts	86	-½	0.3	
152	135	Govett Am Smlr	143	-1		
85	71	Gov Glob Smlr	76			
85	79	Govett High Inc	79	...	8.9	
381	321	Govett Oriental	335	-1	0.4	
248	223	Govett Strategict	228	-½	3.5	
403	361	Greenfriar	384	+1	2.2	
18	19	Gresham House	19			
244	181	GT Japan	218	...	0.7	
130	113	H Govett Smlr Co	119	...	1.1	
124	113	Hend Highl	118½	...	6.0	
280	258	Hend Smlr	280	...	0.2	
91	80	Herald	86	...	0.7	
107	77	HTR Jap Smaller	82½	...	0.7	
16	12	I&S Ent	12			
108	99	I&S UK Smlr	107	...	3.3	
136	118	Inv Cap	126	+½	5.2	
87	76	Isl Biotech	78			
32	28	Isl Wts	28			
149	122	INVESCO Korea	122			
94	82	J Fry 2nd U	88	...	8.6	
94	83	J Fry Euro U	84	...	7.1	
224	177	JF Fledg Jap	198			
106	99	Jupiter Intl Grn	106	...	4.0	
211	194	Kiwi Cht	210	...	3.1	
121	96½	Klnwt E Mkt	103	-1	...	...
118	110	Klnwt End	111	...	1.3	...
78½	73	Klnwt Euro Pvt	76¼	...		
27	21½	Klnwt Euro Wts	24½			
85	74	Klnwt H Inc	84	...	11.9	...
237	213	Klnwt O'seas	234½	...	1.8	...
127	111	Klnwt Smlrt	119	...	2.3	...
125½	71	Latin American	82½	-½		
810	718	Law Debenture	792	...	3.2	...
106	94	Lazard H Inc	95	-1	8.4	...
99	77	Lloyds Sm Cap	88			
29½	26	Lloyds Sm Dvt	26	...	17.5	
114	102	Lloyds Sm Pept	114	...	4.0	
169	168	Lon St Lawrence†	168	...	4.7	
87	78½	Lon Smaller Co's	85½	...	4.6	
320	283	Lowland†	314	-1½	3.8	
1387½	1125	Lydenberg	1125	...	1.9	
560	503	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	560			
135	115	M&G 2nd Dual In	117	...	25.6	
2685	2535	M&G Dual Cap	2685	+17		
313	243	M&G Dual Inc	259			
65½	60	M&G Inc General	61½	...	10.2	
30½	29½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	28			
37½	34	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	34	...	18.4	
125	116	M&G Inc Package	121½	-1½	5.1	
59	54½	M&G Inc Zero Div	59			
37	27	M&G Rec Cap	28			
61½	55½	M&G Rec Geared	57	...	8.5	
30	28	M&G Rec Inc	29	...	18.7	
134	127	M&G Rec Parge	132	...	3.7	
79	73	M&G Rec Zero Div	78			
114	100	M Curtis Euro	113	...	0.3	
130	119	M Curtis Pac	127	-1	0.1	
198	182	Majedie	198	...	3.3	
57	44	Martello	44			
264	241	Merchants†	262½	+½	5.5	
86½	79½	Mercury Euro Pv	86	...	0.9	
30	23½	Mercury Eur Wt	28			
95	78	Mercury World†	88½	...	0.9	
31	14½	Mercury Wld Wts	22	-½		
522	482	Monks Inv Tst	520	-1	1.7	
139	125	Murray Eng Inc	139	...	4.3	
50	40½	Murray Wts	38			
86	48	Murray Latin Amer	63	-½		
48	20	Murray Wts	31½			
119	104	Murray Ent	116	...	2.3	
34	23	Murray Ent Wts	25			
92	73	Murray Emg Eco	82			
49	25	Murray Em Ec Wt	27½			
59	54	Murray Eurot	57	...	0.8	
17½	10	Murray Eu Wts	10½			
335	308	Murray Income	333	+1	4.6	
334	295	Murray Intl	333	+1	4.7	
168	162½	Murray S/C DP	168	+1		
141	128	Murray S/C Cap	139			
81	73½	Murray S/C Inc	78	...	18.1	
3050	2900	Murray S/C Uts	2975	...	4.5	
460	378	Murray Small	437	...	1.3	
359	308	Murray Ventr	357	...	4.6	
19	16	Newmarket	18			
59	53	Nefang Inv	53	...	10.0	
79	61	Nuthong Cap	75			
347	316	O'seas Inv Tst	337	...	1.2	
199	156	O'seas Wts	182	+1		
473	362	Pacific Assets	452	-3	8.4	
380	268	Pacific Wts	356	-4		
95	75	Perpetual Jap	88	+½		
8850	8425	Personal Assets	8700	...	2.8	
125	107	Pilot Inv	109	...	1.8	
88	78	Pipes Euro Sm	78			
96½	87¼	ProMec Inc	95¼	...	1.0	
178	164	RIT Cap Ptnr	175	-1	1.1	
29	26½	River Merc Am Cap	28			
101	97	River Merc Am Inc†	97	...	18.1	
11	8½	River Merc Am Wts	8½			
123	114	River Merc Cap	118			
95	77½	River Merc Er Inc†	88	...	11.1	
19	9	River Merc Er Inc Wts	10			
83	78	River Merc Gei Inc†	79	+½	11.5	
28	25½	River Merc Gid Pf	26			
111	106	River Merc Tst Inc	108	...	10.6	
128	112	River Merc Sm Co	124	...	4.2	
34	29	River Merc Sm Wt	31	-1		
409	394	Robeco	400	...	3.5	
422	388	Rolinco	422	...	1.8	
89	67	Schrod Jap Gwth	82			
44	25	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	42			
879	635½	Schrod Korea Fd	665	-3	0.2	
46½	309	Sch Korea Fd Wt	309½	-1½		
115	109½	Sch Spl Zero Div	114½	+1		
30	24½	Sch Split Fd Cap	24½			
113	101	Sch Split Fd Inc	102	...	9.2	
101	88	Schrod UK Gwth	101	+2	1.9	
33	28	Schrod UK Gwth Wt	32			
223	200	Scot	221	+½	2.9	
161	147½	Scot American	158½	-½	3.9	
262	216	Scot Asian	250	-1		
685	555	Scot Wts	595			
83½	74½	Scot Eastern†	82½	...	2.4	
225	206	Scot Mtge	224	-½	2.5	
92	78½	Scot Nat Tst	81½	...	11.7	
108	100	Scot Value	106½	...	2.3	
1623	1493	Second Alliance	1620	...	3.3	
85	78	Secs Tst of Scot	85	+1	5.1	
143	124	Selective Asset	128	...	1.8	
132	123	ShiRESCOT	128	...	5.6	
36	31½	Sphere Inv†	33	...	14.7	
316	289	St Andrew Inv†	315	+1	3.2	
351	318	Temple Bar	351	+2	5.0	
105	90	Tmpltn Asian E	100	...	0.6	
47	18½	Throg Dual Cp	43			
78	68	Throgmorton	75½	+½	3.8	
119	98	Tmpltn Emg Mkt	117	...	0.7	
153	139½	TR City Of Lon†	152½	+¼	4.3	
172	159	TR Euro Growth	170½	...	1.2	
151½	127	TR Far East	144	-1	5.3	
110	88	TR Pacific	100½	-½	0.2	
31½	27½	TR Property	29½	...	3.8	
186	171	TR Smlr Cos	184½	...	2.6	
185	100	TR Tech Inv	105	...	2.1	
241	177	Turkey Trust	222	...	1.1	
232	217	USDC Invest	228	...	2.5	
105	93	Undervalued Ast	109¼			
119	108	Value Inc Tst	117½	+½	4.5	
36	30½	Warrants & Val	30½			
64	60	Wigmore	68	...	1.8	
231	217½	Witan	230	-½	3.3	
99	86	Yeoman Inc	86	...	18.9	

LEISURE & HOTELS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
34	25	Abdn Stk H	25			
449	409	Airtours	420	-1	3.6	9.2
27	17	Ald Leis	25			
146	133	Alpha Airpts	139	...	4.2	
47	38	Arcadian†	46	...	2.2	
138	111	Baldwin	135	...	3.7	10.0
235	219	Barr & Wall	223	...	8.4	
260	210	Bluebird Toys†	227	+3	4.4	8.4
355	333	Boosey Hawkes†	351	+5	2.1	
3¼	2	Brent Walker	2			
185	150	Bristol Scots	150	...	3.8	
2¼	¾	Buckingham Int	¾			
28½	12	Cadell Plc	16½	+¼	8.3	9.1
258	251	Chrysalis	254			
83	70½	City Centre Restt	81	+½	3.1	
347	305	Compass Gp	334	+¾	2.5	17.4
274	238	Eurocamp	270	...	4.9	12.0
198	118	Euro Disney	182	-1		
165	93	Euro Leisure	118			
450	363½	Fairline Boats	377	+2	5.1	17.4
124	105	First Choice	117	...	4.1	30.6
295	282	First Leisure	289	-1	3.0	18.3
251½	224½	Forte†	229	+1	4.1	23.5
175	148	Friendly Hotels	149	...	4.9	
584	476	Granada	572	+2¾	2.2	17.8
118	108	Groupe Chez Gert	112	...	0.8	15.5
38	15	Hi-Tec Sports	17	...	11.8	
135	98	Hornby†	114	-1	5.5	21.4
187½	156½	Jurys Hotel	179¼	...	3.8	18.2
20¼	14¼	Konick	20	...	3.1	23.0
288	264	London Clubs	288	...	5.2	14.7
180	161	Ladbroke†	178	-2	4.2	
84	41	Magnolia	41	-3	0.3	
148	122	Man Utd†	148	+3	3.6	12.4
97¼	64¼	Mandarin Orntl	85½	...	4.0	
12½	10½	My Kinda Town	10½	...	1.2	
82	68	Northern†	80	...	6.2	13.3
83	70	Pelican Gp	72	...	2.2	15.0
137	121	PizzaExpress	137	+1	1.9	17.0
111	81	Prism Leisure	81	-1	8.5	5.7
31	25	Quadrant Grp	27			
270	217	Ramsdens (H)	267	...	2.1	31.1
424	358	Rank Org	417	-7	4.0	28.5
31½	28	Ryan Hotels 'E'	29	...	4.5	16.5
950	905	Savoy Hotel 'A'†	935	...	0.9	
88	78	Stakis	84	...	2.3	18.7
391	341	Stanley Leisure	383	...	1.8	21.0
346	288	Tanjong	346	...	0.9	
1141	997	Thorn EMI	1140	+3	3.9	20.7
169	120	Tottenham Hot	120	-5	1.0	12.4
178	161	VCI	165	...	3.2	
152	129	Vardon†	152	+4	1.2	21.4
6½	2½	Wembley	2¾			
135	98	Zetters Gp	115	...	10.3	9.0



MEDIA

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
370	335	Abbott Mead†	367	...	2.5	
310	276	Adscene	280	+4	3.0	18.1
29½	22	Anglia Gp	27	-½	...	10.8
7¼	2¼	Allied Radio	2¼			
13	13	BBB Design	13	...	...	35.9
197	155	Barbour Index	196	...	5.5	17.5
8¼	5	Bidwlle	5			
325	320	Black (A&C)	325	...	5.6	11.1
253	174	Blenheim Gp	229	-3	5.8	13.7
228	196	Border TV	227	+10	2.4	19.9
368	350	Boxtel	352	...	4.4	35.8
279	242	B Sky B	259½	+13	...	48.9
141	126	CIA Cpt	135	...	1.7	
29½	22½	Caledonian Med	29½			
387	343	Capital Radio	377	...	2.4	23.5
948	851	Carlton Comms	944	...	2.7	17.3
90	85	City of Lon	87	...	6.3	19.3
148	83	Conbert	97½	+½	...	15.8
1418¾	1350	Daily Mail	1393¾	...	1.5	23.7
1150	959¾	Daily Mail 'A'	1118¾	...	1.8	19.0
374	295	Dorling Kndt	374	+8	1.2	35.4
440	385	EMAP	433	...	2.6	23.9
708¼	584¾	Elsevier	675½	-6¾		
1635	1485	Euromoney Pb	1485	...	3.6	21.4
11½	10	Fisch	11			
413	333	Fledach	397	-1		
120	109½	GWR Gpt	119	...	1.7	23.6
169	143	Gold Greenlees	164	...	3.0	19.8
28	18	Goodhead	20	...	0.3	
320	261	Grampian	306	+16	3.8	
189	132	HTV Group†	187½	+7	1.5	27.4
46	17	Harrington K	43	+3	2.9	
358	288	Haynes Pub	289	...	3.9	16.1
347	298	Hodder H'Inent	347	+2	1.2	
162	140	Home Counties†	140	...	4.9	
288	248	Independent	288	...	3.6	13.8
252	228	Intl Bus Commy	256	-1	3.2	12.6
135	120	Intereurope	128	...	7.6	33.0
147	138	Johnston Press†	140	...	1.8	
21	15	Lopex†	16	...	2.0	
85	63	MAID	78			
565	528	Metal Bulletin	530	...	2.9	24.1
125	109	Midland Indt	117	...	3.5	
148	120	Mirror Gpt	133	+1	3.3	9.2
376	344	More O'Ferrall	376	...	4.4	
313	281	News Corp	304	+3	0.4	20.4
307	287	News Intl	290	+1	1.0	5.7
35	26	Osprey Comms	27	...	0.9	19.8
559	539	Pearson†	576	+3	3.3	16.9
270	175	Phonelink	243	-2		
608	580	Portsmth Sund	590	...	2.3	12.1
250	210	Quarto†	218	...	3.6	
814	712	Reed Intl†	804	+4	3.3	
484¼	404	Reuters†	467	-5½	2.1	22.4
258	227½	Scot Radio	248	...	2.7	19.8
463	393	Scot TV†	450	-1	3.8	
32	20½	SelectTV	29			
41	32	Shandwick	34½	...	4.7	7.9
244	222	Southnews	233	...	1.8	23.4
96	20	Sterling Publ	30	...	15.2	2.8
127	120	Sunset & Vinr	124	...	4.0	10.5
35	29½	Taylor Nelson	35	...	2.3	
445	355	Telegraph†	436	+2	3.7	18.7
825	725	Thomson Corp	825	+10	...	13.9
374	332	Trinity Intl†	336	+1	4.0	14.0
785	632	Ulster TV†	785	+10	3.2	
532	464	Utd Newspaprs†	495	...	5.8	13.8
186	98	VTR†	100	+½	5.2	10.7
13½	8	WMDO	8½	...	15.6	3.9
117	101	WPP	114	+3	1.3	14.3
588	366	Yorkshire TV	489	-15	1.0	

MINING

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
4625	3893¾	Ang Am Coal	4181¼	...	2.2	23.1
3740½	2848¾	Ang Am	3528½	-15¾	2.0	93.5
8487½	4975	Ang Am Gold	5706¼	-87½	4.6	15.6
28½	22	Anglo Pac Res	24			
1587½	1271¼	Ashanti	1546½	-6¼	1.0	18.9
117	93	Ashton	108	...	4.6	
245	155	Belgrchik	185	+5		
417	337½	Beatrix	410	-1¾	4.6	21.8
34	29	Bleichi	30	...	3.0	
113½	83½	Blyvoors	111¼	+¾		
37	27	Bougainville	29	-1		
18	13½	Bracken	15½	...	8.3	
583¼	353¾	Buffels	413¾	-5¾	12.6	
4	1	Butte	3	+¼		
901	781	CRA	888	+5	3.0	21.9
56	43	Central Pacific	50			
49¼	41	Chief Res	48½			
120	78	Coal Inv	112			
225	176	Cons Murchison	176	...	3.4	4.9
1775	1362½	De Beers	1712¼	-12½	3.0	
108¼	56	Deelkraal	58¼	-¼	5.8	5.4
69¼	32¼	Doornfontein	50	+¼		
971¼	734¾	Driefontein	885¼	-11¼	5.0	12.5
765¼	568	Durban	657¼	-2¼		
188¼	127¼	E Rand Gold	147¼	-8¼	13.9	
76¼	64¼	E Rand Prop	65¼	-¼		
70	45	Eastern Trans	62	...	3.6	15.5
450½	275¼	Elandsrand	284	-1¼	3.8	8.8
380	330	Eng China Ct	371	...	5.5	18.2
975¼	712¼	FS Cons	727	-34¼	6.3	
82	38	FS Dev	53	...	2.3	
2081¼	1418¾	GFSA	1750	-12½	2.8	20.0
41	30	GM Kalgoorli	32	-2	2.8	20.2
227¼	189¼	Gencor	218¼	+14¼	1.5	22.0
152	118	Gold Fields Prop▼	144	...	7.1	
18¼	12¼	Greenwich R 'A'	14			
183¼	124	Grootvlei	131¼	-½	6.5	7.7
88	79¾	Gwalia Cons	88	+4¾	1.0	11.2
619½	469¼	Harmony	537	-11¼		
286¼	200	Hartbees	209	-8¼	12.2	8.8
1575	1150	Impala Plat	1415¼	-8¼	1.8	43.9
132	83	Kidston	101	-4	11.9	9.1
1087¼	866¼	Kinross	612½	-9¼	10.8	8.3
948¼	620¼	Kloof	709	-7	5.0	6.7
124¼	81	Leslie	81	-2¼	12.7	4.9
288	174¼	Lorraine	188	+2¼		
21	12	Mecklenburg	13			
3	3	Mirangura	3			
113	80	MIM	86	-6	2.6	
2782½	1250	Minorco†	1460	+25	2.8	18.6
181	129	Monarch	138			
110	90	Montagle	110	...	3.4	8.7
103	82	NSM	102	...	...	8.5
174	133	Nth Broken Hill	153	+10	3.2	23.7
50	50	Oryx Gold	50			
85	66	Pancontinental	82	-1		
265	131	Pelaline Co	131	...	1.5	
182	123	Placer Pac	153	-1		
431	317	RIB	423	-3	3.7	
831	721	RTZ†	786	+6	3.7	15.2
32	27	Rustmod	27			
675	582½	Rand Mines	625	...	1.7	58.0
727¼	321	Randfontein	321	-13	14.6	4.3
240	175	Renison	210	-3		
1758¼	1265¼	Rustenburg	1568¼	-37½	1.9	38.5
77	48	St Barbara	50	-2	2.7	13.2
623¼	436	St Helena	572¼	-8¼	10.3	
280	207	Sons Gwalia	265	-5	4.3	18.1
23	16	Sthn Pacific	18			
1848¾	1353¼	Southvaal	1363¾	-6¼	5.7	17.4
123	74¼	Stillwater	84	-¼	24.5	2.8
194	123¼	Unisel	144¼	-8¼	8.5	7.8
5800	3790¾	Vaal Reefs	3790¼	-31¼	5.8	6.4
12	8	Venlon Cal Z	10	...	12.4	2.4
1¼	¾	Water Hall	1¼			
593	473	Waite Bolart	488	+3	3.5	
2587¼	1831¼	Western Deep	2009¼	-15¾	4.3	7.4
379	302	Western Mng	341	-6	1.8	37.0
881¼	582¼	Winkels	634¼	-3¾	7.5	8.8
48	34	Zambia Copper	36			
53	40	Zandpan	40	...	10.8	9.4

OIL & GAS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
47	42½	Aran Energy	44½			
40¼	19	Arcon Intl	22			
56½	41	Ass Oil & Gas	47½	-2¼		
58	47	Aviva Pet	55			
278	220	Br Borneo†	278	+7	3.4	
317½	280½	British Gas	305	+3¾	6.1	32.6
459	392	Br Petroleum†	452	+4½	2.8	16.0
3	2¼	Bula Resources	2¼			
892	815	Burmah Castrol	872	-1	4.3	15.2
85	71	Cairn Energy	77			
280	252	Calor Gp	265	+3	6.0	13.5
48¼	35	Clyde Pet†	46¼	+1	2.6	21.7
10½	5¾	Copley Res	6¼	-¼		
2¼	1½	Dragon Oil	1½			
22	18¼	Edin Oil & Gs	18¼	...	...	30.9
419	372¼	Enterprise†	416	-4¼	4.8	38.5
280	240	Flagas	240	...	6.7	9.9
5¾	5	Fortune	5¾			
73	62	Goal Pett	73	+1	2.8	23.9
42	25	Gt Western Res	25			
175	129	Hardy O & G	175	+1	0.7	22.4
55	38	Hall Energy	49			
175	139	Lasmo†	174	+6	0.7	
56	33	Lasmo Unitrt	39	...	26.6	
65	59½	Monument	64	+¼		
7¼	5	New London	5			
2584¾	2134¾	Norsk Hydro	2528¼	+6¾	1.7	
5	3	Oceanics	3¼			
46	38	Oil Search	42	-1		
35½	27½	Palmer	35¼			
26½	23	Premier	28	+¼		
43	11	Presidio	11			
92	68	Pittencrieff Rs	91			
345	221	Ramco Egy	339	+1	0.4	
453	385	Ranger	453	+5	4.4	
7775	6865¾	Royal Dtch Fl	7580¾	-71¾	4.8	
3965¾	3218¾	Schlumberger	3953¾	+21¾	2.3	
49	29	Scott Pickford	34	-1	3.3	6.5
98	84	Seafield	97			
750	687	Shell†	744	+7½	4.6	
116	116	Service Eng Sv	#116			
4098¾	3234¾	Total	3975	-12½	3.9	
10	8½	Villiers Grp	10	+½		
283	221	Woodside	258	+6	1.4	
58	33	XCL	33			

OTHER FINANCIAL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
98	75	BWD	85	...	6.2	8.2
132	126	Baltic Plc	131	...	2.9	
78	53	Barry Bck Nlx	53	...	12.0	8.0
157	148	Blotec Inv	150	...	...	...
150	112	Brewin Dolphin	143	...	4.4	10.9
654	625	Caledonia	648	...	3.2	17.7
2400	2125	Camellia	2300	...	1.7	6.1
22½	18¼	Carlisle	17	+¼	3.7	18.1
167	142	Cattles†	163	-2	4.4	
35	23	Cladsto	23	...	...	50.8
15	13½	EPS	15	+¼	0.8	8.8
77½	61	EFT Group†	76	+1	2.9	13.1
775	707	EFMI	759	-2	4.0	15.5
186	153	Exco†	181	+3½	4.7	
77	57	First Nat Fin	77	+1½	2.4	49.1
185	161	Gartmore	173	-½	4.0	14.5
378	285	Govett	287	...	6.3	4.8
1133	983	Henderson Ad	1115	-5	5.8	15.5
194	162½	Invesco†	187	+¾	2.7	16.8
49	43	Investment Co.	47	...	4.7	15.0
231	200½	Ivory Sime	218	+1	4.3	17.0
248¼	195¼	Jardine Strat	211	-½	4.3	
144	95	Johnson Fry†	104	...	2.4	
166	131	Lon Forfaiting	162	+1	7.2	14.1
125	115	Lon Scot Bk	124	...	4.1	16.3
175	153	Man ED & F	154	...	7.0	8.5
1143	953	M & G	1128	-8	3.3	19.7
269½	224	MAI†	268	...	3.6	13.5
104½	88	MAI 5.5% Cv Pf	103			
807	680	MAM	792½	-½	3.6	18.5
130	96	Nat Home Loan	98¼	...	...	9.1
1500	1150	Perpetual	1468	...	3.0	15.8
568	515	Provident†	564	-1	4.5	13.9
305	245	Rathbone Bros†	305	...	3.7	
28¼	24¼	Rutland Tst	25½	...	4.9	11.1
324	289	S & U	289	-6	5.6	
240	195	Sharelink	233	...	4.8	8.7
133	105	SJP Capital	114	...	3.3	8.1
489	410	Smith New Crt	437	...	2.9	5.0
78	65	Towry Law	65	-6½	8.8	15.5
28	16½	Tso Hldgs	17	+½	0.7	27.9
26	21	Western Selectn	21	...	1.5	...

PHARMACEUTICALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
593	425	Brit Biotech	494			
345	108	Cantab Pharms	108			
305	239½	Celltech	305	-1		
125	92½	Chiroscience	124	+2		
42	31	Cortecs	42	+2½		
186	103	Fisons†	186	+5	2.9	
741	587	Glaxo	732	-2½	4.8	16.8
124	100	Grampian Hdgt	117	...	6.1	15.0
264	162	Medeva†	246	+4	1.7	16.8
1½	¾	Premier Health	1			
254	230	Quality Care	230	...	2.4	11.4
423	273	Scotia	423	+6		
56	32	Shield Diag	47	+2		
532	444	SmithKline	491	-½	3.4	14.5
513	416	Smithkline Uts	472	-1½	3.4	13.9
1072	850	Wellcome†	1070	...	2.7	23.8
934	840	Zeneca†	905	+1	3.9	30.4

PRINTING & PAPER

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
133	120	AG Holdingst	128	-¾	5.4	12.5
429	377	API	429	...	2.6	20.4
272	219	Arjo Wiggins†	266	-5	3.4	14.0
168	162	Aspen Comst	162	+5	4.1	
385	347	Bemrose†	372	+1	4.4	
459	387	Bowater†	454	+7	3.8	14.2
2381¼	1675	Bowater Inc	2381¼	+168¾		
287	260	Bromsco Iwv	282	...	2.0	
540	474	Br Polythenet	540	+3	3.2	
40	22	Br Thornton	37	...	8.8	3.2
144	112	Britton Grpt	143	+½	2.2	16.3
188	159	Bunzl†	188	...	3.3	15.6
156	139	Capital Indst	150	...	3.8	
2365¼	2046¼	Carnaud MB	2200	-15¾	2.5	
282	237	Cropper (James)	238	...	1.8	12.5
1054	864	De La Rue	881	-7	2.9	16.2
80	54	Delyn Group	54	...	3.9	9.8
103	93	Dolphin Packt	93	...	6.0	
92	81	Fairway Group	84	...	5.4	13.7
338	285	Ferguson Intl	337	...	4.7	13.5
125	102	Ferry Pick	125	...	5.9	12.2
164	138	Inveresk	153	+6	4.5	
295	245	Jarvis Porter	267	...	2.6	17.4
458	381	Low & Bonar†	456	+1	3.2	15.2
54	56	MY Holdings	51½	...	4.2	12.4
258	229	Macfarlane†	236	...	2.5	
170	150	Photobitco	170	...	4.4	12.4
206	163	Phyzo	204½	...	4.3	33.4
363	324	St Ives Grt	355	-3¾	2.5	19.3
1296¾	978	Sappi	1282¼	-15	0.4	
9¼	8½	Seal	7½	+¼		
205	139	Sidlaw	159	...	8.7	
567	490	Smith David	556	+1	2.8	16.9
405	355	Smurfit (Jeff)†	366	+2	2.0	
99	94	Sonic	94	...	3.7	10.0
49	33	Unit Group	35	+1		
253	213	Wace†	230	+6	2.9	11.0
216	187	Waddington (J)	190	...	5.7	62.0
414	310	Watmough	380	...	2.8	
141	136	Wyndeham	140	...	2.6	17.8

PROPERTY

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
93	71	Allied Lont	72	...	8.7	8.6
283	255	Argent	261	+1		
77	67	Arlesian Ests	71			
113	103	Asda Prop	112	...	2.7	34.0
252	211	Billon†	226	+2	5.4	
215	183	Bilsby	183	...	4.6	15.9
27	7	Bolton GpA	20			
79	48	Bourne End	38	...	2.5	
186	171	Bradford	176	...	4.8	14.8
123	110	Brightstone	115	...	4.0	53.8
389	354	Br Land	366	-2	2.6	34.7
187	164	Bridport	172	...	6.1	16.1
104	81	Burford	103½	...	2.1	27.4
101	97	CLS Hldgst	99	...	4.2	
145	131	Cap & Regnlt	144	...	1.8	
208	187	Cap Shop Cntrt	203	...	4.3	
228	158	Cardiff Prop	158	...	2.1	28.1
29½	19	Cathay Intl	19½			
188	143	Chelsfield†	166	...	1.9	
453	433	Chesterfield	448	...	3.5	20.1
88	62	Chesterton Intl	62	-2	8.7	10.5
53	45	City Site Ests	48	...	...	11.2
8	5	Clarke Nickolls	7	...	...	10.5
77½	50	Compco	70	...	7.1	6.2
29	19	Con Rlbtal	19	...	4.3	22.3
1195	1180	Daejan	1185	...	3.1	12.2
3¼	3	Dartis Estates	#4			
5½	5½	De Morgan	#5½			
95	61	Debenham Twan	63	+1	8.9	10.0
163	156	Dencora	158	...	3.0	
255	225	Derwent Hldgst	255	...	2.5	
19½	14	Development Sec	14	...	2.2	
46	38	Dwyer	39	...	2.4	18.4
28	28	Eldon	27½			
370	250	Estates Agency	380	...	4.7	
23½	16	Estates Gen	16½			
112	82	Evans Of Leeds	87	+1	3.8	14.5
25	19½	Ex-Lands	21	+¼	2.5	28.8
69	65	Fecal Propt	65	...	3.6	76.7
25	23½	Five Oaks	24	...	3.1	10.1
32	19	Fletcher King	21	...	8.9	10.4
47	41	Folkes Group	44	-2	4.6	
48	34	Folkes Group nv	43	-2	4.7	
443	405	Frogmore†	443	+1	4.9	17.0
260	236	Grainger	259	...	2.8	14.3
183	164	Gr Portland	165	...	4.8	28.2
137	117½	Greycoat	132	+1	0.6	
39	22	Hambro Cntrywd	31	+1	0.2	
347	310	Hammerson†	324	+1	3.9	22.6
319	300	Helical Bar†	313	+3¾	2.8	
28½	22¼	Heningway	25½	...	2.0	20.0
21	7	Henry Baker	12	...	10.4	
50	31	High-Point	38	-2	3.3	
141½	110	HK Land	117½	-½	6.1	
160	133	Jermyn	154	...	0.4	
607	545	Land Sec	557	+4	5.4	15.9
326	308	London Ind	308	...	4.1	16.9
37	30	Lon & Assoc	31	...	2.8	
9	5½	Lon & Metro	5½	...	...	0.2
95	87	Lon Merch Sec	87	...	6.0	14.4
407	365	MEPC	377	+2	6.6	22.8
7½	5½	McInerney A	6			
165	130	McKay Secs	131	...	5.0	12.5
66	48	Marlsale Mre	64	...	6.3	7.7
32	26	Moorfield Est	26	...	4.8	12.2
1125	850	Mountview	925	...	3.0	7.1
148	124	Mucklow (A&J)	128	...	6.3	16.5
1	½	OBB	½	...	...	1.0
32	23	Olives Prop	26	...	1.5	
143	126	PSIT	127	...	4.8	17.0
249	204	Peel	204	...	3.0	27.6
164	145	Pillar Prop	164	+1	2.8	
2¼	1½	Power Corp	1¾			
6½	4½	Premier Land	4½	...	...	15.6
86	70	RPS Group†	83	...	4.4	11.6
34	23	Raglan	26	...	...	6.3
28	19½	Regalian	20½	+	...	5.0
155	100	Rowlinson Secs	107	...	2.2	7.6
101	96	Rugby Est†	98	...	2.6	
50	40	St Modwen Prp	50	...	4.0	9.0
65	54	Savills Brds LB	54	...	8.5	12.8
58	43	Savills	50	+1	5.6	8.1
75	67	Scot Met	73	+1	4.3	12.6
90	86	Shaftesbury	87	...	1.4	19.0
238	208	Slough Estates†	215	...	4.7	20.5
210	190	Smart (J)	190	...	5.6	19.9
55	41	Southend Prop	43	...	7.1	
110	103	Specty Shops	106	...	1.5	
42¼	36	TBLA	38	...	...	1.8
187	162	Tops Ests	162	...	1.7	41.3
109	94	Town Centre	96	...	4.1	17.8
89	79	Trafford Park	86	...	4.7	14.1
23	16	Trenchwood	18	...	...	7.1
48	38	UK Land	43			
217	182	Warner	200	...	7.1	19.5
230	225	Warnford	230	...	4.2	19.0
74	63	Wates	66			
35	25	Whitney Mck	25			
66	43	Wood John D	45	...	5.6	9.7
19	6½	YRM	8			

RETAILERS, FOOD

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
82½	64½	ASDA Group	80¼	-1½	2.8	18.4
299	254½	Argyll	287½	+3½	5.0	12.3
550	455	Bate Bros	550	+2	1.6	
37	23	Budgen	33	...	3.8	20.0
13½	11½	Cullens	12½			
82¼	69¼	Dairy Farm Intl	66½	...	4.1	
355	343	Farepak	350	...	2.5	18.1
55	38	Fitzwilton	46	...	6.3	19.4
110	98	Fyffes	102	...	1.9	14.6
199	154	Geest	169	-1	6.2	13.0
1168	1048	Greggs†	1125	...	2.5	15.9
182	142	Iceland Group†	179	+1	2.9	10.7
611	519	Kwik Save	571	-18	4.2	10.3
14½	10	Merchant Retail	14			
147	132	Morrison (W)†	146	+1	1.0	14.7
191	126	Nurdin Peack	188	+2	4.7	
128	98	Park Foods	102	...	3.1	19.6
3	1½	Rodine Hin	1¾			
439	403¾	Sainsbury J	437½	...	3.1	15.5
281	238	Tesco†	278½	-1	3.8	13.6
175	142	Thorntons	171	-2	3.8	14.0
394	368	Watson & Philip	388	...	4.9	14.6

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
32	21	Alexon	26			
234	205	Allders	234	+3	3.6	13.2
412	324	Argos Plc	412	+5	3.2	18.5
78	63	Ashley (Laura)	74			
149	65	Alpnty	78	...	9.7	6.4
225	205	Austin Reed	212	+1	3.6	
139	123	Beattie (J) 'A'	131	...	5.9	17.1
122	111	Bejam	113	...	2.4	
52	38½	Betterware	42½	...	8.0	
35	30	Blacks Leis	34	...	8.3	
194	155	Body Shop	176	-4	1.5	15.5
527¼	485	Boots	516	+6	3.7	16.5
3	1	Brown & Jackson	1¼	-¼		
238	205	Brown (N)	235	+3	2.2	20.9
79½	66	Burton	77	-½	3.2	38.0
158	95	Caskos	96	-3	5.3	13.6
278	235	Carpetright	255	...	4.0	18.1
178	132	Christies Intl	157	+1	1.7	
480	450	Church†	455	-3	3.8	16.0
86	67	Clinton Cards†	83	...	7.1	
108	84	City Casuals	108	+1	5.0	31.0
813	763	Courts Furnish	765	...	1.0	38.9
187	183	Crown Eye	193	...	8.5	8.1
281	259	DFS Furniture	281	+1	3.4	20.9
248	186	Dixons Grp	241½	-	3.5	25.6
580	580	Ely (Wimbldon)	580	...	4.0	
10	7	ERA Gp	7	...	...	10.9
161	98	Essex Furn	122	+11	4.7	13.6
236	170	Elam	203	+4	4.9	
374	320	Fine Art Dev	370	...	4.9	11.4
66	37	Flood Euro	48	...	...	21.3
114	81	Flying Flowers	104	...	2.3	13.6
295	255	French Conn	291	...	...	12.3
272	207	Frost Group	272	...	2.7	
58	46	Gieves	47	...	4.0	16.8
134	112	Goldsmiths Gp	131	...	2.9	
604	508	GUS	593	+3	2.8	17.0
216	179	Hamleys†	213	+3	4.1	
56	25	Hampden Grpt	53	...	2.8	14.3
175	142	Hse of Fraser†	148	+¾	4.6	19.1
83	80	Hughes (TJ)	81	...	3.9	13.3
298	229	JJB Sports	298	...	2.5	
477	378	Kingfisher†	453	+5½	4.2	17.5
115	95	Kleeneze	115	+1	1.6	32.7
315	208	Liberty†	228	-4¾	3.9	
305	184	Lloyds Chemt	220	-1	5.5	7.1
132	108	MFI	125	...	4.2	15.6
427¼	371	Marks Spencer	423	+2½	2.8	18.8
521	500	Menzies (John)	521	...	3.0	12.3
420	388	Moss Bros	420	+6	3.6	
319½	252	Next	319	+2½	3.6	16.4
42	27	OEM	42	+1		
96	88	Oliver (G)	92	...	1.4	14.9
93	78	Partridge Fine	80	-1	5.2	8.9
156	107	QS Hldgs	114	...	5.9	
19	7	Rhino GrpA	16	-½		
131	113	Rosebys†	116	...	5.2	12.3
111½	96	Sears	105½	+1	4.8	14.9
24	14½	Signet Group	14½	-1		
484	403	Smith WH	403	-6	4.9	20.7
825	638	Sotheby's	825	+12	3.1	39.7
250	209	Storehouse	248	+2	2.9	20.3
206	188	Stylo	190	...	4.8	
172	143	T & S Storest	172	...	4.7	
121	98	Tie Rack	120	...	2.4	
4¼	2	Upton & South	2¼			
502	424	Vendome	480	...	2.4	21.8
33	24	WEW Group	30	...	3.0	25.1
67	57	Wid of Leathert	58	...	3.2	12.4
168	155	Wyevale	168	+1	3.6	

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
554	491	Allied Domecq	550	+2	5.1	14.9
410	390	Bulmer (HP)	410	...	3.4	22.2
121	98	Burn Stewart	106	-½	5.9	21.8
410	352	Grand Met	388	-1½	4.4	18.0
476	404	Guinness†	468	-1½	3.7	14.7
445	337	Highland Distr	359	...	2.6	16.2
217	175	Macallan-Glent	177	...	0.9	
710	600	Macdn Mtn 'A'	630	...	2.0	27.1
594	532	Matthew Clark	584	+1	3.9	27.3
88	61	Merydew W	81	...	3.9	
156	129	Taunton Cider	154	...	5.5	11.9

SUPPORT SERVICES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
110	73	ACT Group	110	...	6.0	11.6
740	620	ADT	725	-3	...	27.1
41	34	Alphameric	35½			
74	43	Auto Sec	58	-½		
120	101½	BET Ord	118½	...	3.6	16.9
178	143	BNB Rest	144	...	4.8	
258	220	BPP†	240	...	6.0	
186	131	BSM†	156	...	5.2	12.1
5¼	4¾	Black & Edg	5			
700	500	Bertand	625			
215	105	Brit Data Mgt	125	...	5.4	8.8
67	59	Brooks Service†	65	...	4.3	
92	75	CRT Gpt	90½	...	4.6	22.2
165	138	Capita Group	158	+3	2.6	16.3
317	277½	Chubb Sec	302	+1	2.7	17.6
243	223	Compr Peoplet	238	+4	1.6	
81	61	Corp Services†	80	...	3.1	12.7
60	48	Courts Cnsltg†	59	...	3.2	
240	204	Davis Servicet	215	+½	4.9	13.2
75	66	Dudley Jenkins	68	...	6.2	12.9
94	49	EW Fact	49	-3	12.6	
143	136	El Data Pro	140	...	1.8	13.7
308½	280	Hays†	308½	+3½	2.6	18.4
190	145	Hogg Robinson	162	-1	5.6	10.4
14½	10	Intl Cns & Dsn	14½	...	...	7.4
1993¼	1626¼	ISS B DKr	1787½	+12½	1.4	16.3
168	152	JBA Hldgst	168	+9	2.5	
255	227	Johnson Clean†	251	...	5.4	
111	88	Kalamazoo	98	...	4.4	11.1
283	239	Kewill Sys	280	...	3.3	10.3
19	15	Laser-Scan	16			
155	77	LBMS	154	+5		
5	2	Lep	2¼			
356	301	Logica	353	...	1.9	19.0
107	65½	MDIS†	97	...	9.0	19.1
208	185	MMT Comp	185	...	3.5	14.7
128	78	MR Data Mngt	91	+1	7.6	11.3
433	358	Macro 4†	385	+3	8.7	10.9
2140¾	1634¾	Manpower	2040¾	-9¾	0.2	
850	688	Micro Focus	730	+5	...	22.8
125	102	Microgen	114	...	7.9	12.3
423	305	Misys	364	-1	2.9	11.4
222	197	MITIE Gp	221	...	1.4	22.5
38	22½	Novo Group	22½	...	1.1	8.6
25	17	OIS Intl	21	...	3.8	
33	18	Orbis	22	...	3.6	
100	74	P & Pt	96	+4	3.4	11.7
124	110	Michael Page†	116	...	3.2	
128	106	Partly	123	...	1.8	
155	138	Pegasus	155	+2	4.1	
115	93	Penna	94	...	5.3	
73	57	Proudfoot†	59	-1½	8.5	
305	263	RCO	283	...	7.6	9.6
41	33	Radiust	38	+1	3.4	13.5
183	150	Real Time	159	+2	3.1	12.1
144	123	Reed Executive	126	...	2.0	
148	142	Reliance Sec	146	...	4.3	22.3
261	212½	Rentokil†	260	+2	1.7	22.1
143	135	Ricardo Group†	141	...	5.3	17.6
215	158	Rolfe & Nolan	160	...	3.1	25.5
915	662	Sage Gp	915	+87	1.5	18.9
290	229	Salvesen (C)	266	-3	3.9	13.8
90	79	Sanderson Elec	83	...	4.3	12.0
14	12	Select App	12½			
410	387	Sema Gp	387	...	1.3	
243	238	Serco Gp	243	...	2.1	20.2
193	158	Servisair†	193	...	2.5	
139	80	Shorwel Grpt	120	...	2.1	
94	83	Sketchley	89	...	4.5	15.0
14	11	Standard Plat	14			
183	167	Sol-Pins	181	...	6.6	
163	116	Unipalm	153			
15	11½	Vistec	11½	-	4.3	6.3
49	40	WSP Hldgst	49	+2	5.1	13.1
285	245	Warner Howard	267	...	3.7	12.3

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
411½	364½	BT	390	+1½	5.5	16.1
424	350½	Cable Wireless	402	+½	2.6	16.5
1540	1480	Securicor	1498	...	0.3	34.2
1008	900	Securicor 'A'	912	...	0.5	20.6
823	738	Security Serv	793	...	1.0	22.1
168	148½	Telewest	154	-½		
212	177½	Vodafone	195	+½	2.0	25.2

TEXTILES & APPAREL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
80	66	Albion	69	...	5.8	3.7
149	115	Alexndra W	147	...	3.2	
259	223	Allied Text	226	+1	3.8	13.9
84	72	Allies	81	+3	12.5	25.7
34	31	Alphamagic	31	...	...	7.8
243	200	Baird (Wm)	241	...	5.0	16.1
47	36	Beckman (A)†	40	...	10.6	
243	229	Black (Peter)	235	...	2.5	13.7
121	111	Bridport-Grdryt	113	...	3.5	13.3
213	180	Br Mohair†	202	...	5.6	13.4
26	24	Campari	#25			
84	68	Cassidy Bros	72	...	4.8	9.2
185	171	Chemb Phipps	175	...	5.2	23.0
322	282	Claremont Grt	314	...	3.6	15.3
207½	156	Coats Viyella†	204	+1	5.2	13.9
489	410	Courtaulds Text	469	+2¾	4.0	14.5
135	128	Dalkeyan	129	...	5.8	8.7
124	92½	Dawson	117½	...	3.2	
152½	129½	Dewhirst (I)†	152½	...	2.2	
41	30	Dinkie Heel†	35½	-½	4.9	
36½	25	Drummond	33	...	...	14.8
35	13	Ebtel	14			
68	50	Faupel	52	...	11.8	8.5
365	260	FHT	363	...	5.1	27.6
151	146	Foranasar	151	...	2.7	12.7
21	17	Foster (John)	19			
95	85	French	85	...	5.3	11.6
102	72	Gent SR†	97	...	3.0	21.6
100	85	Haggas	100	+½	3.8	13.7
17	7½	Harristons	12	...	3.3	
27	21	Helene Plc	22½	-½	11.2	9.3
241	213	Hicking Pntcst	223	...	2.8	15.8
26	21	Hollas†	23½	...	3.2	
71	53	Honeysuckle	54	...	6.9	6.3
133	80	Horace Small▲	126	-½	...	10.1
210	187	Jacques Vert	204	...	3.2	8.4
68	56	Jerome (S)†	66	...	2.8	7.1
348	327	Jones Stroud	345	...	3.3	16.8
141	118	Lambert†	124	...	7.2	
347	283	Lamont	344	...	4.8	
274	241	Leeds	244	...	3.2	12.7
73	63	Leslie Wise Gp	70	...	7.6	12.6
84	58	Lyles (S)	64	...	4.9	7.2
27	23½	Marling	23½	...	3.5	
10	10	PEX	10			
160	135	Parkland	143	+3	4.4	8.5
126	102	Pentland	124	...	3.2	18.6
73	58	Pittards†	59	...	4.2	16.6
68	58¼	Readicut	63½	...	6.8	10.7
66	61	Rosmere	63	...	5.6	6.7
51	43	Richards	50	...	5.0	
76	50	SEET	74			
95	75	Sherwood Gpt	94	+1	4.3	
142	123	Shiloh	133	...	3.6	
104	90	Sirdar†	97	...	7.1	13.7
56	51	Stirling Gp	55	...	4.4	15.2
21	15	Strong & Fishert	15	...	8.3	11.0
40	34	UK Safety†	39	+½	8.3	48.5
142	114	Ulster (Frank)	138	...	7.2	8.1
143	109	Wasson	135	...	4.1	
277	244	Yorklyde	277	+7	3.3	

TRANSPORT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
70	61	Air London	69	...	6.5	12.8
751½	625¼	All Nippon Air	705¼	+¼	0.3	
299	262	Assoc Br Ports	284	+1	2.4	18.1
496	414	BAA	476½	+2¾	2.5	18.2
155	130	Bailgeteet	149	...	3.8	15.1
100	48	Berkeley Bus	51	-2		
412	348	Br Airways	400	-½	3.5	9.9
36	25	Cantal Tran R	35			
115	93	Clarkson (H)	110	...	2.3	
179	153	Clydeport	166	...	2.6	15.3
158	142	Dart	154	...	3.2	14.8
230	193	Eurodollar	220	+2	4.8	17.2
324	179	Eurotunnel Uts	187	-3		
65	50	Fisher (James)†	55	...	1.9	13.6
500	438	Forth Portst	580	+5	2.5	
285	230	GRT Bus†	283	...	1.9	
213	193	Go-Ahead	212	+7	2.4	22.9
226	198	Goode Durrant	225	...	3.5	17.6
135	105	IoM Steam†	105	...	5.2	13.8
69	52	Jacobs (JI)†	53	...	2.4	
77	67	Lon O'Seas Frts	69	...	6.8	1.6
403	358	Mersey Docks	396	...	3.3	15.6
179	158	NFC†	179	+3	5.0	18.4
373	289	Nat Express	373	...	3.0	
319	261	Ocean Group†	300	-1	6.0	25.2
76	68	Ocean Wilson	75	...	5.3	10.9
612	549	P & O Dfd†	579	+10	6.6	15.4
193	167	P & O 5.5%	192	...	3.8	
93	87	Seacon	91	+2	3.3	47.0
238	196	Stagecoach	197	...	2.7	19.6
110	79	TNT	89	+3		
713	573	Tibbet & Britten	665	+7	3.8	
224	184	TDG†	224	+1	5.3	15.0
128	92	Uglang	105	...	2.8	
105	90	Utd Carriers	103	...	5.8	

WATER

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
530	443	Anglian	498	-2	5.9	11.3
349	295	Mid Kent Hldgs	340	...	4.3	11.5
575	463	North West	564	-2	5.3	8.1
808	676	Northumbrian	808	-2	3.6	9.6
564	475	Severn Trent	530	-1½	5.5	8.8
2195	1855	South Staffs	2185	...	3.1	13.2
327	459	South West	513	...	6.4	7.6
601	517	Southern	593	+4	5.6	8.6
504	466	Thames	484	-2	6.0	7.3
679	567	Welsh	617	-2	5.3	6.8
312	252	Wessex	283	...	6.4	7.4
555	472	Yorkshire	548	-1	5.4	8.1

Source: Finstat

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101[illegible]	100[illegible]	Exch 10¼% 1995	100[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.17	6.78
104[illegible]	103[illegible]	Treas 12¾% 1995	103[illegible] †	-[illegible]	12.97	6.86
106[illegible]	104[illegible]	Treas 14% 1996	104[illegible]	...	13.35	7.04
109[illegible]	107[illegible]	Treas 15¼% 1996	107[illegible] †	-[illegible]	14.17	7.27
107[illegible]	105[illegible]	Exch 13¼% 1996	105[illegible] †	-[illegible]	12.51	7.28
103[illegible]	103[illegible]	Conv 10% 1996	103[illegible] †	-[illegible]	9.86	7.66
98[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 7% 1997	98[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.12	7.69
108[illegible]	108[illegible]	Treas 13¼% 1997	108[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.20	7.82
105[illegible]	104[illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	104[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.05	7.82
102	100[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1997	101[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.62	7.98
116[illegible]	114[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	115[illegible]	-[illegible]	13.02	8.09
105[illegible]	102[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	103[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.39	8.17
98[illegible]	96[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 1998	97[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.43	8.17
96[illegible]	94[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	96[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.01	8.18
115[illegible]	114[illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	115[illegible] †	-[illegible]	12.17	8.31
122[illegible]	120[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	121[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.79	8.19
111[illegible]	108[illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	111 †	-[illegible]	10.81	8.32
104[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	103[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.16	8.31
113[illegible]	111[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	112[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.88	8.37
107[illegible]	105[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	107[illegible] †	-[illegible]	9.80	8.37
92[illegible]	89[illegible]	Treas 6% 1999	91[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.53	8.29
107[illegible]	105[illegible]	Conv 10¼% 1999	106[illegible] xd†	-[illegible]	9.61	8.43

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103[illegible]	100[illegible]	Conv 9% 2000	102[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.78	8.34
99[illegible]	96[illegible]	Treas 8% 2000	98[illegible] †	-[illegible]	8.12	8.32
99	98[illegible]	Treas 8% 2000 A	98[illegible]	...	8.09	8.39
119[illegible]	117	Treas 13% 2000	118[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.86	8.47
107[illegible]	104[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	106[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.36	8.45
93[illegible]	90[illegible]	Treas 7% 2001	92[illegible] †	-[illegible]	7.54	8.41
107[illegible]	103[illegible]	Treas 9¾% 2002	106[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.16	8.53
98[illegible]	94[illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	97	-[illegible]	8.25	8.50
109[illegible]	105[illegible]	Treas 10% 2003	108[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.23	8.54
113[illegible]	110[illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	112[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.19	8.64
76[illegible]	73	Fund 3½% 1999-04	76[illegible]	+[illegible]	4.59	7.11
107[illegible]	103[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2004	106[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.96	8.53
90[illegible]	86[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 2004	88[illegible] xd†	-[illegible]	7.59	8.44
101[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2005	100[illegible] xd†	-[illegible]	8.47	8.44
107[illegible]	103[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2005	106[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.93	8.51
125[illegible]	119[illegible]	Treas 12½% 2003-05	122[illegible] †	-[illegible]	10.22	8.71
96[illegible]	92[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2006	94[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.17	8.48
97[illegible]	93[illegible]	Treas 8% 2002-06	96[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.28	8.43
117[illegible]	113[illegible]	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	116[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.08	8.73
101[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2007	100[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.47	8.43
130[illegible]	126[illegible]	Treas 13½% 2004-08	129[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.46	8.71
105[illegible]	101[illegible]	Treas 9% 2008	104[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.61	8.42
97[illegible]	94	Treas 8% 2009	96[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.30	8.41

LONGS (over 15 years)

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
82[illegible]	79[illegible]	Treas 6¼% 2010	81[illegible] †	-[illegible]	7.65	8.35
105[illegible]	101[illegible]	Conv 9% 2011	105[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.56	8.41
106[illegible]	102[illegible]	Treas 9% 2012	105[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.65	8.40
75[illegible]	72[illegible]	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.31	8.18
97[illegible]	93[illegible]	Treas 8% 2013	96[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.29	8.38
94[illegible]	91[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.23	8.36
105[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 2017	104[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.41	8.33
132[illegible]	127[illegible]	Exch 12% 2013-17	131[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.11	8.56

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1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
42[illegible]	40[illegible]	War Ln 3½%	42[illegible] †	-[illegible]	8.32	
30[illegible]	28[illegible]	Treas 2½%	29[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.47	

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1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	10%	5%
207[illegible]	201[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 1996	207[illegible]	..	1.38	3.25
189[illegible]	185[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	189[illegible]	..	2.57	3.52
170[illegible]	165[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2001	170[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.31	3.78
169[illegible]	161[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2003	166[illegible]		3.41	3.77
110[illegible]	108[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	110[illegible]	-[illegible]	3.44	3.78
173[illegible]	169[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 2006	173[illegible]	-[illegible]	3.51	3.77
157[illegible]	152[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2009	156[illegible] xd†	-[illegible]	3.56	3.79
162[illegible]	157[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2011	162[illegible]	...	3.59	3.79
133[illegible]	129[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2013	133[illegible]	...	3.60	3.78
142[illegible]	137[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2016	142[illegible]	...	3.63	3.80
137	131[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2020	136[illegible]	...	3.66	3.81
113[illegible]	109[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2024	113[illegible]	.	3.65	3.78
112[illegible]	108[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	112[illegible]	.	3.67	3.80

Small firms welcome move to cut red tape

BY RODNEY HOBSON

SMALL businesses are concerned that jobs are being put at risk by measures intended to protect employees, the Forum of Private Business (FPB), a non-profit making organisation with 23,000 member companies, says.

The FPB, based at Knutsford, Cheshire, says its members overwhelmingly back Department of Employment proposals to streamline industrial tribunals. The proposals include dismissing cases before or during the proceedings if they look likely to fail, making judgments on the basis of written evidence, and encouraging voluntary settlements. The move comes in response to a doubling of caseloads over the past five years and increasing delays in hearings that can prove costly for employers.

Nick Goulding, FPB's legislation officer, says: "The degree of support for streamlining and speeding up the operation of industrial tribunals is another demonstration of the small business view that the more firms are burdened with employment regulations and other strands of bureaucratic red tape, the fewer job opportunities they are encouraged to create.

"Employees must have rights, but legislation framed with big business in mind is not always appropriate for small businesses. Small firms have to be more flexible if they are to be allowed to grow and fulfil their potential as the country's major source of job creation." The FPB says more than two-thirds of its members want closer co-operation with local authorities to achieve more flexible enforcement of regulations covering matters such as building and planning, trading standards, food hygiene and health and safety. A similar proportion support government plans to simplify VAT accounting, although there are reservations about the move to make annual VAT payments compulsory for up to 600,000 small traders.

Mr Goulding says: "While the switch might seem attractive, there are important financial and practical objections. FPB is pursuing these issues with Customs and Excise as part of the current round of consultations."



"May get paid, may survive, may get appreciated . . ."

Lighting up the stars

BY STEPHEN COURT

IN SEVEN years. The Spot Company has grown from a two-man outfit to a sophisticated million-pound business providing lighting for performers as diverse as Prince, Meatloaf and Torvill and Dean.

As well as working on live shows in Britain and abroad, the company has recently branched out into lighting for exhibitions, conferences and parties. Its work has included the Peugeot stand at last year's Motor Show, and the launch party for the film *The Lion King*.

The Spot Company, run by Peter Miles and Ben Sullivan, also hires out lighting equipment. It is based in west London at a warehouse which is a labyrinth of spotlights, cables and lighting consoles.

Mr Miles says: "We have been lucky that things have happened just at the right time and we have taken a lot of risks. We have invested heavily in new equipment, which has given us a reputation for being at the forefront of lighting technology. This, in turn, has meant that people bring new technology to us, which helps us maintain our position."

Mr Miles, 38, started The Spot Company in 1988 with a business partner who has since left. They bought two "follow spot" lights, at £7,500 each, and set up their own lighting company. It now claims to be one of the biggest stockists of intelligent lighting systems in Europe. "We bought the two for the Supertramp tour of 1988 — I borrowed £4,000," says Mr Miles.

ANDRE CAMARA



Peter Miles, left, and Ben Sullivan, of The Spot Company, say they are learning all the time

"The company has never had any external capital since we put in £7,500 each. It has a £25,000 bank overdraft limit."

He says that relations with the company's bank are not always easy. "This is a difficult business for the banks to understand."

Turnover for the year to April 1990 was £77,000, and rocketed to £445,000 by April 1991. By 1994, it was £1.1 million, and is set to reach £1.7 million this year. Touring shows provide a quarter of income. "The exhibition and corporate market is now 25 per cent of our business and could soon be the main part," says Mr Miles.

The third quarter of business comes from equipment hire. Special events, such as parties and fashion shows and award ceremonies account for a further 15 per cent, and the remaining 10 per cent comes from television and the theatre. The Spot Company employs 14 full-time staff and about 25 regular freelance staff. In March, the company issued 100 shares. "We hope to sell these to employees in the coming year," says Mr Miles.

The company has reduced its exposure to bad debt and established tighter controls. But Mr Miles says: "We would not be in our present position if we had not taken risks. We are learning all the time."

BRIEFINGS

Proposals by Centec and Solotec, training and enterprise councils in central and south London, to take over boroughs covered by the defunct South Thames Tec have been accepted by the Government. Lambeth and Southwark are now covered by Centec and Lewisham and Greenwich by Solotec.

☐ Hereford and Worcester Tec's small business of the year award has been won by Rubber Stampede, importers of graphic rubber stamps. Best new product was a crop sprayer developed by Micron Sprayers of Bromyard.

☐ Gloucestershire Development Agency will attempt to attract investors and businesses in a presentation at the Nuclear Electric headquarters in London tomorrow. Speakers include the Duke of Gloucester.

☐ National Westminster Bank has cut charges to small businesses for automated entries, such as standing orders and cash machine withdrawals, from 67p to 40p per item.

☐ Small businesses are benefiting less from economic recovery than large companies, says the third annual report of the European Commission's European Observatory for Small and Medium Enterprises. They are held back partly by shortages of appropriate skilled labour, the report says. They win few public contracts in other European Community countries because of language barriers, cultural differences and poor knowledge of foreign markets.

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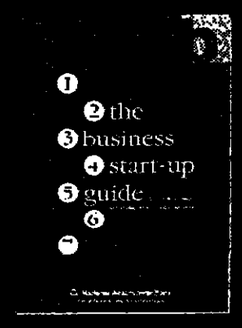
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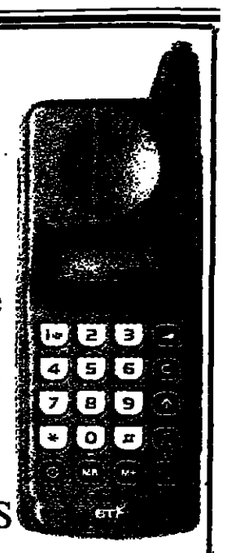
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■ VISUAL ART 1

A walk through the valley of shadows, in Sir Ernst Gombrich's superb National Gallery show



■ VISUAL ART 2

Nicholas Serota explains why the Tate is launching a new space for new art today

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■ VISUAL ART 3

... and if it's 'Wednesday' it must be a quirky collection of installations in Bermondsey



■ RECITAL

Sir Georg Solti turns promoter to present two rising pianists in superb form at the Wigmore

Darker truth beyond the scene

Richard Cork reviews Sir Ernst Gombrich's fascinating National Gallery show, surveying the ways in which great artists use shadows



Hendrick ter Brugghen's *The Concert* seems innocuous at first. But then we notice the uneasy expressions, and the shadows rising like spectres

Shortly before he died, Francis Bacon told me with great conviction that "if you really love life and things excite you, you're walking with the shadows of its opposite; you're walking with the shadow of death all the time". Shadows recur in Bacon's paintings, their sinister presence powerfully bearing out his own words. They also help to explain why he was so obsessed by Van Gogh's *The Painter on his Way to Work*, where Vincent's shadow lies corpse-like across the empty rural path — an eerie presentiment of his suicide in the country two years later.

Neither Bacon nor Van Gogh is included in the National Gallery's *Gombrich on Shadows*, an exhibition surveying the depiction of cast shadows in Western art. But their absence does not detract from the fascination of Gombrich's superb show. Depending largely on images from the National Gallery's collection, it is a concise, perpetually informative revelation. Even the most familiar pictures are seen in a fresh light, as we might expect of our most distinguished art historian. He convinces us that we have never looked at these images hard enough.

> "Even the most familiar of pictures are seen in a fresh light"

Although Cicero remarked long ago that "painters see more in shadows and protrusions that we ever do", many kept the cast shadow firmly out of their work. Perhaps they had no wish to disrupt their pictures' harmony. Even when Moroni decided to include one in his suave full-length *Portrait of a Gentleman*, he made sure that the shadows remained an understated presence. One of them escapes like a mysterious trail of smoke from the man's left foot, while the other hugs the contour of his right leg before merging with the subtly gradated shading on the broken column beside him.

Less than half a century after Moroni's carefully modulated portrait, Caravaggio swept caution aside. Seeking to inject the maximum amount of theatricality into *The Supper at Emmaus*, he let his large canvas become a battleground for conflicting shadows. Some dance around Christ's curiously feminine face, as if to confirm that he had recently emerged from the darkness of the tomb. Others spurt from the base of the bread, chicken-dish and fruit-basket assembled on the table-cloth like props spotlit on a brilliant white stage. But the most dramatic one is flung across Christ's body by his outstretched arm. It falls from armpit to waist, fortifying the urgent authority of his gesture and, at the same time, directing attention towards his other hand hovering in benediction over the food.

Caravaggio's audacious use of extremes in light and shade revolutionised Western art. His influence spread across Europe, and in this exhibition Rembrandt stands out as his greatest beneficiary. Look at the right hand in Rembrandt's etching of Jan Cornelisz Sylvius. In order to stress the preacher's eloquence, Rembrandt goes even further than Caravaggio and lets the hand burst out of the picture's oval frame. Fingers and thumb cast an exclamatory shadow on the blank paper beyond the line containing the portrait. They emphasise Sylvius's energy, beseeching his congregation to act on the principles of the faith he propagates.

Still more arresting is a deceptively small panel of *A Man seated reading at a Table in a Lofty Room*. Today scholarly opinion considers that it is the work of a Rembrandt "follower", but the painting remains impressive. The studious man and his hefty books are reduced to tiny silhouettes, leaving much of the picture-space to be invaded by light from the tall window above. Incandescent on the wall, the radiance throws a complex fretwork of shadows across the dusty white plaster. They appear to challenge the reader, tempting him to turn away from his research and enjoy the sun outside. But they also act as a reminder of time, mocking him with a sign of how quickly shadows change as day gives way to night.

While Caravaggio's influence was at its height, European artists produced many of their most compelling shadow images. Hendrick ter Brugghen's *The Concert* seems at first to savour the intimacy and shared pleasure of three performers. But then we notice the uneasy expressions of the outer two, glancing over their shoulders as though expecting an intruder. Ter Brugghen accentuates the suspense by making two candles cast dramatic shadows over the room. They rise like spectres behind the central boy, who seems unaware of anything save the score he grasps.

But the most startling shadow is cast on the cheek of the flute player. It smears his flesh as brusquely as a smudge of soot, reinforcing the picture's ominous mood with an intrusiveness that would have been unthinkable in paintings before Caravaggio.

All the same, the relatively discreet use of shadows in the earlier exhibits did not prevent some artists from producing marvels. What Gombrich calls an "attached shadow" can be found delicately trailing from a fly, placed by a deft Swabian painter on the elaborate headdress of his female sitter. Although the insect could be seen as a blemish, sullying the headdress's bleached purity, its skilful depiction must have gratified the unknown woman.

We can imagine her smiling at the ingenuity of this meticulous pictorial conceit, just as the original owner of Antonello da Messina's *Christ Blessing* would have relished the illusionism of the paper pinned to the foreground ledge. Shadows play a decisive role in persuading viewers that the paper's creased, projecting edges are real. In Antonello's day they may well have gasped at this exercise in *trompe l'oeil* guile.

Ultimately, though, technical feats of this kind are less rewarding than the shadows which enhance a painting's expressive eloquence. In Sassetta's magical panel, the stigmatisation of Saint Francis is presented with hallucinatory conviction. The fiery apparition in the sky irradiates the desert landscape with supernatural heat, causing Francis to sway back from its irresistible force. He is a man transfixed, and a dark green shadow seems to ooze out of him in direct response to the divine assault puncturing his upturned hands. Undulating over the parched ground, this lurching, unpredictable shape heightens the unsteadiness of the saint himself.

In Masaccio's great altarpiece from Pisa, by contrast, shadows help to convey rock-like grandeur. The looming Virgin who supports a beefy child on her lap inhabits a throne of monumental proportions. Not only does Masaccio emphasise its depth with an innovatory use of receding perspective; he also makes one wing of the throne cast a dark shadow across its back. By situating her so firmly within this deep space, he ensures that the Virgin's bulk is made even more palpable. And she, in turn, throws a very persuasive shadow on the throne's other wing, as if to prove the reality of her earthly existence.

Renaissance portraits often placed shadows on the walls behind their sitters for similar reasons. In Germany, the Master of the Mornauer Portrait employs the device to give his painting of the frowning, jowly and fur-lined Alexander Mornauer a still greater degree of bulky conviction. Holbein may have wanted to make his full-length image of Christina of Denmark equally plausible. Her shadow makes clear that she stands cool and alert well in front of the green wall, without any need to rely on it for support.

The longer we look at his dark presence behind the demure Duchess, though, the more disquieting it becomes. Christina is still dressed in a mourning dress devoid of ornament, testifying to her husband's death three years before. She seems to have emerged from the bereavement unmarked, but the shadow suggests a very different woman, still burdened with grief.

In that sense, the lurking shadow threatens to undermine Christina's poise — just as the skull inserted so shockingly in Holbein's double portrait of *The Ambassadors* mocks the two men's splendour with its reminder of mortality and the grave. Bacon may be missing from this memorable show, but his insistence on "the shadow of death" cannot be evaded.

● *Gombrich on Shadows is at the National Gallery (0171-839 3321) until June 18. An accompanying book, Shadows: The Depiction of Cast Shadows in Western Art, is distributed by Yale University Press (£8.50)*

...AND THE REST

SHARON HALL takes imagery from the past, and submerges it beneath a camouflage of paint. The colouring is rusty and metallic, with smudged lines used to build up a surface that suggests the texture of skin or leather. A number of classical, mythological and medieval outlines are then scored into the paint. These images from earlier "graphics" map a topographical sense of organisation over the canvas surface. She shows here opposite paintings by Jayne Reich, who sinks monochromatic stains into the surface, similarly allowing the imagery to emerge gradually. *Harriet Green Gallery, 5 Silver Place, London W1 (0171-278 8328) until May 13*

☐ In a sparsely installed mixed show, entitled *Wednesday*, Dean Whatmuff's repeating and resoundingly one-tune theme of tape-cannisters, record-covers and dangling microphone echoes throughout. Awkward, patchy graphic shapes by Wayne Lloyd are transformed into makeshift sculpture. Alain Miller's stick figure paintings add a strange touch of bravura and virtuosity. At the very top of the warehouse, bottles packed with free-form coloured lines are arranged in runs and sets by John Plowman. *The Tannery, 49-57 Bermondsey Street, London SE1 (0181-348 6568) until May 6*

☐ Terry Setch has been constructing, collaging, wrapping and weaving supermarket detritus into his paintings for years. What used to be an angry wrestle to bring order out of chaos has turned now into the visualisation of a lyrical idyll. The collaged rubbish used to form a heavy statement about salvage and struggle along the sea shore. Now, plastic bags which never disintegrate are trapped behind layers of clingfilm to make a light and watery point. *Raw Gallery, 7 Gainsford Street, London SE1 (0171-357 7570) until May 26*

☐ Kerry Stewart, who uses figurative sculpture to good effect, has constructed a large cartoon ghost with characteristic lumpy white cloth falling in chunky bunches on to the ground. Two "boy" statues stand side-by-side in the next room wearing characteristically disengaged expressions and jumpers painted on to their bodies. Upstairs Peter Owen has convincingly painted the pinkish and purple glow that results from striking the sulphur at the side of a matchbox. He shows delight in picturing the result of a familiar action and matching it with the action of painting. *City Racing, 60 Oval Mansions, Vauxhall Street, London SE11 (0171-582 3940) until May 28*

SACHA CRADDOCK

The Tate finds space for the new

Sacha Craddock reports on why the nation's home of modern art had to make room for the contemporary

Despite public assumptions to the contrary, the Tate Gallery has a patchy record on contemporary art. There has just not been enough contemporary work at the Tate to encourage any real discussion, and recent attempts to steer the Turner Prize away from immediate associations with novelty and fashion reflect a recognition of how serious the situation has become.

Although the Tate found sponsorship, on and off, for displays of new art during the 1980s, it is necessary to look back to the 1970s for real evidence of a lively relationship between the Tate and the art of the time.

Each one-person show by an established artist carries its own rationale. An expensive catalogue reflects extensive academic research and guarantees the work to be already part of history. The smaller, single-gallery showings for established British artists such as Bridget Riley and the current one for Bernard Cohen do the same, but to a lesser extent. Until, and perhaps even after, the split between the gallery's twin functions takes place — and the Tate Gallery of Modern Art opens at Bankside, leaving the Tate Gallery of British Art at Millbank — there is much to be done.

Nicholas Serota says that when he first arrived as director of the Tate his priority was to get the permanent collection on view. The various modern and historical collections that make up the bulk of work shown and stored had to take precedence over the new. The closer you come to the present, it seems, the more problems there are.

The Tate has to be wary of making obvious endorsements: not only is there a shortage of money, but as a purchaser the gallery carries a disproportionate potential influence. Should the very new be purchased? Should everyone wait? Does experience deserve greater recognition? Not all contemporary art comes in convenient packages anyway. Artists make installations and films; they do performances, collaborate and hunt in packs.



Serota: trying to showcase new new as well as old new

It would be inappropriate for the Tate to function in exactly the same way as such public showcases for new art as the Serpentine, the Camden Arts Centre or the Ikon gallery in Birmingham, and it would be wrong for it to act as an outpost of a commercial gallery. Serota says, though, that "the Tate does have a responsibility for the way contemporary art is seen".

So the creation of a permanent new space for contemporary work at the back of the main building is a timely recognition of a need. Although Serota says that for the last four years he has wanted to show a broader range of the newest art, "it is not the Tate's purpose to discover young artists that have never been heard of, but instead to show serious work; to show the concerns of artists working today in Europe, America, this country and elsewhere". He wants also to give "the younger curators a chance to work with younger artists, which hasn't happened before, except on the Turner Prize".

Frances Morris — who, with Sean Rainbird, will be selecting the displays — says that it is important that they get the atmosphere right. They must be able to generate excitement about the subject. Shows will last only six weeks and the turnaround between them will be just two. Instead of individual catalogues, there is to be a small publication with a survey at the end of each year.

The first show, of a video installation by Matthew Barney, is unusual in that it is already owned by the Tate. In future, artists will be invited to respond to the setting; much of the work will not be complete until it is opened; and it will not necessarily be purchased.

It is time for less polarisation, for visitors to feel able to question whether something is good art, rather than whether it is art at all. Serota's desire "to do a lot, so that people get used to it" is an attempt to redress the balance and begin to shift attention away from concentration on the use of strange and unusual materials. The hope is that the range of media used over the next four shows (video, wooden sculpture, glass and sound, and lead-casts from Barney, Marc Quinn, Genevieve Cadieux and Miroslaw Balka) will come to seem unimportant. As Serota says, perhaps the response will soon cease to be "Wow! Gosh! The Tate is showing a video! Does this mean the end of painting?"

● *Art Now opens at the Tate Gallery (0171-887 8000) tomorrow*

RECITAL: Two fine pianists take flight from under Solti's wing

Proven protégées

Pagny/Dimitrova
Wigmore Hall

A NEW age of old-style private patronage seems to be dawning. Last week, Steven Isserlis brought a fellow cellist over from Russia and, on Friday, Sir Georg Solti presented two young pianists he favours in a joint recital at the Wigmore Hall.

This was a nice balance of underwriting and personal imprimatur. Solti, I was told, "wanted Patricia Pagny and Lora Dimitrova to appear with his support". But, with substantial careers and prizes already behind them, one wondered if there might not be more deserving candidates lurking somewhere. Either of these could and should have had a complete Wigmore recital to herself.

But be all that as it may, the contrasting passions of these two pianists certainly made for a stimulating evening. Dimitrova is the easier musician to listen to, the less volatile and doubtless, in terms of agents' schedules, the safer bet. She played Beethoven's *32 Variations in C Minor* with both fiery impulse and the aplomb that comes from long, meticulously trained thinking and fingers.

The alternate separation and blending of colour and tone in her Ravel *Oiseaux tristes* was perfectly judged; her Chopin Ballade No 4 lyrical enough to make an audience feel as if it were eavesdropping, yet free and confident enough in its more overt virtuosity to communicate head on.

Pagny is more of a maverick. I found her Scarlatti sonatas entirely compelling: this exploitation of the vibrant, percussive qualities of the piano, combined with a slightly choppy, idiosyncratic rubato, is all too seldom dared. And it is just what this entirely original, Hispanic writing cries out for.

A similar bright, densely focused sound was put to more lyrical use in Pagny's Chopin Sonata in B flat minor. Here, her heightened accentuations and tussling rubato bordered on the eccentric. But rather this than the mollifying effect of playing of a more conventional, less searching beauty. This piece should still be able to shock; in the menace of the recurring five-note motif, and the numb intensity of the funeral march, Pagny made sure it did.

HILARY FINCH

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

LES BALLETS DE MONTE CARLO: A celebrated old name for a vigorous young company, making its British debut this week. The many artistic strands of Jean-Christophe Maillot's direction are reflected in the programmes, which include Michel Fokine's *Scheherazade*, Balanchine (who began his western career at Monte Carlo) in light-hearted mood in his Gershwin ballet, *Who Cares?*, plus *Four Temperaments*. Maillot's new *Dov'è la Luna* and his ambitious, evening-long *Home Sweet Home*. Princess Caroline of Monaco is patron and will attend tomorrow's gala.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (0171-713 6000). Tonight-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 2.30 and 7.30pm

SOLTI RETURNS: Two rival orchestras — the London Philharmonic and the Royal Philharmonic — come together under Sir Georg Solti's baton to play a gala concert in aid of their respective benevolent funds. The music-making should be quite something, with Beethoven's Symphony No 7 and Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra on the agenda.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 8800). Tonight, 7.30pm

FRETWORK: Modern composers inspired by Purcell's *Fantasias* write new pieces for the viol consort Fretwork, as part of the Purcell tercentenary celebrations. Countertenor Michael Chance and lutenist Nigel North join in.
Purcell Room, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 8800). Tonight, 7pm.

ELSEWHERE

LANCASTER: A unique Anglo-Russian co-production, more than two years in the making, comes together this week, when Russia's Samart company integrates English performers to tour the northeast. The programme is subtitled **From Russia with Lust** and includes *Hamlet* (with Kate Dove from *Emmerdale*), Ben Jonson's *Volpone* and a new knockabout play, *The Cat's Birthday*. A rare chance to see the famous Russian "ensemble" acting system at work.
Nuffield, (01524 594151). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm. Then **Whitley Bay** (01912 523505), Fri and Sat, **Hull** (01482 465236), May 8, 9, then **York** (01904 671818), **Wakefield** (01924 366556) and **Darlington** (01325 483168)

BIRMINGHAM: The **Melos Ensemble Wien**, a chamber orchestra of bright young things from Vienna's orchestras, is on tour with a programme of works from Mozart, Schubert and Strauss.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (0121-212 3333). Tonight, 8pm. Thurs in **Glasgow**, Royal Concert Hall (0141-227 5511).

BRISTOL: Treat yourself to *Hot Shoe Shuffle*: a cocktail of high-energy tap and big band sounds from Gershwin to Ellington and Fats Waller to Cab Calloway. Great fun.
Hippodrome, St Augustine's Parade (0117-929 9444). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

LEATHERHEAD: Ransacking intruders, disappearing victims and a couple of maybe or maybe not accidental murders all go into the pot of Francis Durbridge's new thriller, **The Gentle Hook**. With Fiona Hendley, Edward Jewesbury and the father and son team of Francis and Damien Matthews.
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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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☐ **AFTER EASTER**: Religious visions precipitate a Catholic Ulster woman's break-down in Anne Devlin's only intermittently moving drama.
Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm; mat Thurs, 2pm.

☐ **BROKEN GLASS**: Arthur Miller's masterly drama, distilling his lifelong concern with personal responsibility. David Thacker's production, with Henry Goodman and Margot Leicester superb as the central Jewish couple.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Final week.

◪ **THE DUCHESS OF MALFI**: Juliet Stevenson and Simon Russell Beale in Webster's tragedy of incest, murder and the borderland of the mind. Philip Franks directs Greenwich Theatre's sell-out success.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1746). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

◪ **THE GREEN PARAKEET**: Return of last autumn's enjoyable Schnitzler, set in a pub theatre, in Paris on the day the Bastille falls. The clash between reality and pretence, aristos and crooks. Margarete Forsyth's spirited production.
Greenwich Studio, Prince of Orange, Greenwich High Road, SE10 (0181-858 2862). Tonight-Sun, 8pm. Final week.

☐ **IN PRAISE OF LOVE**: Peter Bowles and Lisa Harrow in Rattigan drama about bravely facing death. Interesting and finally touching as it shows the effects, ill and good, of emotional restraint.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE**: Miriam Margolyes plays the tweedy soap heroine in Frank Marcus's excellent comedy with a bite. Serena Evans and Josephine Tewson play her treacherous companion and boss. Mark Raymond directs.
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■ **SKYLIGHT**: Michael Gambon and Lia Williams play an estranged couple, the man's son pleads for their reconciliation. Richard Eyre directs David Hare's tenth play for the National.
National, (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Now previewing, 7.30pm, opens May 4.

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Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930 8800). Tue-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, 2pm; Sat and Sun, 3pm.

◪ **YO YO**: Prizewinning first play by Dino Mahoney, set in Cornwall where an irrepressible teenager keeps crossing the path of a schoolteacher down there on an access visit to his son.
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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

CAPTIVES (15): Romance in a prison dentist's surgery. Modest British film that loses its way in melodrama, with Tim Roth and Julia Ormond. Director, Angela Pope.
MGM Haymarket (0171-839 1527) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

EXOTICA (18): Inventive variations on the theme of voyeurism from quirky Canadian director Atom Egoyan. With Bruce Greenwood, Mia Kirshner.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030)

EYES WITHOUT A FACE (18): Welcome revival of Georges Franju's haunting horror film about skin grafting, made in 1959. With Pierre Brasseur, Alida Valli, Edith Scob.
ICA (0171-930 3647)

◆ **LEGENDS OF THE FALL** (15): Bogus epic about a Montana family early in the century. With Brad Pitt, Aidan Quinn, Anthony Hopkins, Julia Ormond and Henry Thomas. Director, Edward Zwick.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** (0171-727 6705) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426 915683) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

THIN ICE (12): Gauche but sweet British film about lesbian ice-skaters. Fiona Cunningham Reid directs Charlotte Avery and Sabra Williams.
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148)

CURRENT

◆ **AN AWFULLY BIG ADVENTURE** (15): A teenager's postwar theatre experiences. Fascinating abrasive drama from Beryl Bainbridge's novel. Mike Newell directs Alan Rickman, Hugh Grant and Georgina Cates.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

LE COLONEL CHABERT (PG): Stodgy presentation of a good Balzac yarn about a man thought dead trying to reclaim his past. With Gérard Depardieu and Fanny Ardant.
Curzon Mayfair (0171-369 1720) **Gate** (0171-727 4043) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN (18): A decent transfer of Ariel Dorfman's play, but a cramped, impersonal film for Roman Polanski. With Sigourney Weaver, Ben Kingsley, Stuart Wilson.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Screen/Hill** (0171-435 3366)

◆ **DISCLOSURE** (18): Michael Douglas says no to Demi Moore. Superficially enjoyable version of Michael Crichton's sexual harassment novel. Director, Barry Levinson.
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HOOP DREAMS (15): Marvellous documentary by Steve James, Fred Marx and Peter Gilbert about two inner city kids and their dreams of playing professional basketball.
Electric (0171-792 2020) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279)

◆ **JUST CAUSE** (18): Harvard law professor Sean Connery wrestles with a murder case in Florida in a ludicrous investigative thriller.
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◆ **MURIEL'S WEDDING** (15): Ugly duckling becomes swan in P.J. Hogan's boisterous, queasy Aussie comedy.
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◆ **OUTBREAK** (18): Taut virus thriller that turns silly. With Dustin Hoffman and Rene Russo and Morgan Freeman. Director, Wolfgang Petersen.
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◆ **QUIZ SHOW** (15): Director Robert Redford resurrects a TV scandal of the late 1950s. Fine performances but not enough bite, or relevance.
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031)

Global force to be reckoned with

OPERA

La Forza del Destino
Theatre Royal, Glasgow

After casting the Cardiff Singer of the World (1991), Lisa Gasteen, as Leonora in this revival of Verdi's *Forza*, Scottish Opera appeared to have scoured the rest of the globe for those around her. Gasteen, Australian, is joined by a Chinese tenor, a Russian baritone and an Italian bass. Elijah Moshinsky's production is now in the hands of Roberto Goldschlager, born in Argentina and now resident in Germany.

Maybe rehearsals sounded like the Tower of Babel. Certainly all the principals took time to find their best form. They were greatly helped by Richard Armstrong, one of our best Verdians, who started with a typically rousing account of the overture, then held back his orchestra for an act or so while his singers established themselves. After they did, revealing a quartet of extremely powerful voices, he let rip his players and his much improved chorus to stirring effect.

Since Cardiff, Gasteen has become an experienced Verdi soprano. Her voice has strength throughout an equally impressive range. The no-nonsense delivery, usually from the front of the stage, has something in common with Joan Hammond, her compatriot by adoption if not birth.

Leonora spends most of the opera in a distressed state and never more so than in the final act when she prays for peace, which she quickly gets by being stabbed by her brother, Carlo. Gasteen filled *Pace, pace, mio Dio* with a very Verdian despair that proved she is much more than a soprano able to crack out the fortissimi.

Deng, as the equally unhappy Alvaro, showed at his best during the heroic moments. His moon-faced features do not exactly suggest the Incan son Verdi wanted, but he is an exotic presence among the Spanish forces and the outsider stipulated by the libretto.

Scottish Opera, like Verdi himself, has had second thoughts about *Forza* and has now ditched the first St Petersburg version in favour of the Scala reworking, with one exception. The Petersburg Act III has been retained, which puts extra weight — and an extra aria — on the tenor. Deng coped with this excellently and would be well worth hearing as Manrico.

Vladimir Redkin, Don Carlo, comes from the Bolshoi and is a handsome presence, if an overly stolid actor. Even someone less quick-witted than Preziosilla (a spicy, gung-ho performance from Clare Shearer) would have spotted that he was no student during the boozing at the inn of Hornachuelos. But give Redkin an aria such as *Urna fatale* and he shows what he can do.

The two monks were excellently contrasted. Riccardo Ferrari delivered Padre Guardiano's pieties in a rich, gritty bass and Jonathan Veira as the ruffian Melitone flashed the whites of his eyes in a way to put even Robert Newton to shame. So, a *Forza* in Italian full of musical punch.

JOHN HIGGINS



In the hands of fate: Lisa Gasteen as Leonora and Deng as Alvaro in Scottish Opera's stirringly-sung *Forza del Destino* in Glasgow

LONDON CONCERTS: Less is less from Arvo Pärt; orchestral ambitions from Michael Nyman

Minimal differences

Lovers of minimalism might have expected a feast in Saturday night's three-part programme at the Queen Elizabeth Hall by the **Hilliard Ensemble**. In fact, they had a long time to wait, for only one of the 13 pieces in this "Emerging Light" concert of Baltic composers — Arvo Pärt's *Stabat Mater* — really qualified as minimalist in the generally accepted sense, and that was the last piece in a programme lasting the best part of three hours.

The *Stabat Mater*, premiered by the Hilliards in 1985, was, for this listener, the least interesting work given. One can admire the expressive economy of its word-setting, and the undeniable aura of devotion it conjures. David James and Rogers Covey-Crump were joined by the soprano Susan Gritton, with violinist Gustav Clarkson, violist Yuko Inoue and cellist Jane Salmon all making eloquent contributions. But it left me cold, in a way that no other piece did.

Minimalist in the best sense was Pärt's more recent setting of a passage from St Luke's Gospel: *And one of the Pharisees*. Here the lines undulate with a freedom that recalls plainchant: harmonies are spare but supremely effective, and the piece ends with bare octaves that the Hilliards are able to invest with a world of meaning. A major chord would have seemed outrageously hedonistic.

The other memorable item in the programme was Three Poems by the Latvian composer Peteris Vasks, a South Bank Centre commission given its world premiere here. These settings of words by Czeslaw Milosz are again notable for the purity of their utterance, and again look back to the style of an earlier era. There is also an infusion of the folk spirit, and elsewhere some stunningly novel vocalising, as in the half-whistle of two voices against sustained chords.

Kullervo's *Message* (British premiere), by the Estonian Veljo Tormis, effectively incorporates motifs from Karelian runic songs, while the quasi-Renaissance harmonies of his *Navigatio Cantoris* are closer to the songs from the 16th-century Scandinavian collection *Piae Cantiones*, seven of which were used to set a suitably contemplative mood for the evening.

Early music from closer to home was heard the previous evening in a Purcell Room concert by the **Dufay Consort**. The Consort, a talented ensemble of five male vocalists, presented a selection of occasional and ceremonial motets written for dukes, doges and the like, mostly from anthologies compiled in the Veneto in the 1420s and 1430s.

Among the composers represented were Dufay and Ciconia, the latter coming from the generation between Machaut and Dufay, and embracing the tradition of the Italian motet. Unfair as it would be to compare the Consort with the vastly more experienced Hilliards, they sounded completely at home in this repertoire.

The Consort's director, Gary Cooper, interspersed some keyboard solos from the Faenza Codex, achieving some idiomatic phrasing and articulation from a miniature table organ by Noel Mander. A steady wind supply was obtained by one of the singers working a hand-bellows; he rightly took his bow along with the player.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Not a single musically sensitive friend of mine has ever expressed real sympathy with Michael Nyman's music outside the context of cinema. But plenty of people fill their shelves with Nyman CDs. The man, his music, his Band, and now his **Michael Nyman Orchestra** (chamber orchestra would be a more accurate description), which made its official debut at the Festival Hall in the last of the South Bank's Nyman series, are clearly cleverly marketed.

Nyman has complained about unsympathetic British critics, but how is a critic to sympathise with music that so often demands the suspension of his or her basic listening skills if it is to be tolerated at all? As a colleague elsewhere suggested, only those who have never known anything better could think that Nyman's music represents any kind of summit.

But did not this critic write sympathetically about something on disc recently? He did, trying to understand the poor misunderstood artist's ingeniously objective, disinterested way with word-setting. Treat words that way once and you are perhaps asking a pertinent question. But treat them like that again and again, as Nyman does in *The Self-laudatory Hymn of Inanna and her Omnipotence* (1992), and in *Six Celan Songs* (1990), and your listeners inevitably begin to wonder if you are afraid of expressing anything. True, in the Celan settings there are debts to Mahler; intriguingly dark textures sometimes encourage the hope that there will be some genuinely emotional, psychological exploration. But whenever that threatens Nyman draws back, resuming his usual melodic meandering or tired harmonic formulae.

The same applied to a new piece, the Harpsichord Concerto based on two solo harpsichord works called *The Convertibility of Lute Strings* (1992) and *Tango for Tim* (1994). At first I was greatly encouraged as Nyman set up a tough, metrically askew, harmonically discordant dialogue between his soloist, the marvellous Elisabeth Chojnacka, and his orchestra. But Nyman avoids the issue, letting himself off the hook through the convenience of his abrupt intercutting. The music's potential is lost.

STEPHEN PETTITT

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Jackpot stays in the corner of Kelly's eye

Andy Lavender discovers why Jude Kelly would think twice about taking over at the National Theatre



Why should Jude Kelly consider moving from Leeds when she can open her productions in London anyway?

When Richard Eyre announced his intention to stand down as director of the National Theatre in 1997, the chattering started immediately. Who would replace him? Perhaps Nick Hytner, director of *Miss Saigon* and *Carousel*? Or a whizz-kid such as Stephen Daldry, director of the Royal Court? And what about Sir Ian McKellen as a actor-manager? Dissenting voices commented that all the above have no substantial experience in running a high-profile venue.

But what about a woman, with a proven track record as a director? One who steers an increasingly successful theatre, who declares that her overriding interest is in work which contains a "moral debate", and who is sharp and articulate in public?

Jude Kelly is in her early forties and looks to be at the peak of her powers. You may have heard her recently on Radio 4's *Start the Week*, or seen her a couple of months ago on BBC1's *Question Time*. Good practice you would have thought for possible future employment as the figurehead of British theatre.

"Very often people in the arts get marginalised as luvvies," she says. "Actually some of the issues we're dealing with — how you develop citizens, how you create a civilising environment — are ones that must be spoken about on public platforms. So going on *Question Time* is saying: 'Here's a theatre director and she has the same right to have a view as the director of the CBI.'"

Kelly is artistic director of the West Yorkshire Playhouse, in Leeds. In 1994, only four years after its inception, the venue won the prestigious Prudential Award for Theatre, recognition for the invigorating air surrounding its various operations.

Box-office figures for the theatre's two stages have been steadily rising. The venue is nationally renowned for its community and educational work. Since 1993, Kelly has been chief executive as well as artistic director. This makes her one of the most powerful women in theatre today.

If the National Theatre people eventually approach her, they may find she is not easily enticed. "The speculation was inevitable, I suppose," she says. "The first thing I heard was when I read it in the papers myself. It was bizarre to feel that you were being talked of for a job that you hadn't even thought about yourself. It isn't an automatic feeling that because it's bigger, it's in London, and it's the National, I would therefore want it. If anything, those issues mean that it would take a hell of a lot of thinking for anybody."

> "If you think all roads lead to London you downgrade the regions"

What has Kelly done to put Leeds on the theatrical map? First, her programming makes imaginative connections between people and projects. This year's season opened with Sharman MacDonald's *The Winter Guest*, directed by Alan Rickman, and the current crop of shows is a characteristic mix of new work, imaginatively treated classics and community programming. The Quarry Theatre, the venue's larger stage, will soon resound to a *Coriolanus* directed by and starring Steven Berkoff. The smaller Courtyard Theatre recently housed a season of black arts events, and Kelly's production of *Call in the Night*, a new play by Bernard Kops which has received national exposure even before previewing, opens tonight.

Meanwhile, she has built up an impressive body of accompanying events and outreach work (apparently Berkoff is lined up to talk to an over-55s group), and when she speaks you begin to see the theatre not as some outpost battling against a modern culture but as a humming centre of interest. Which is revealing, for a venue surely takes on the personality of its director.

Kelly agrees. "I think there's an openness, a warmth and a passion which you sense when you're in the building," she says. "People feel the venue is very embracing and stimulating, and I think that comes from the fact that we have a sense of urgency. Art must matter to people. We're paid to make it part of people's lives."

There is every sign that West Yorkshire is too small to contain its Playhouse's bounding ambition. The theatre's latest co-productions have been with two of London's more fashionable operations, the Almeida and the Lyric, Hammersmith. There are plans to take Kelly's forthcoming production of Shakespeare's *King Lear*, starring Warren Mitchell, to the West End. And the Playhouse's new season was launched this year, not in Leeds, but in London: a clear case of blowing your trumpet right in the ear of the metropolis.

"If you think that all roads lead to London you're downgrading as second-class anything that happens in the regions," Kelly says. But she does recognise the allure of the Smoke, the fact that a guaranteed run in London allows one to attract better actors, and allows West Yorkshire to recognise the national prestige of its own theatre.

The trickiest balancing act, you might think, is between being a director (lots of ambitious ideas) and a manager (keeping a check on directors' ambitious ideas). But Kelly disagrees. "The creativity in the rehearsal room is about being able at any moment to reshape and rethink and go in a direction that is right, as opposed to one you prepared earlier," she says. "I think that's true of running a place like this too: that you should never have a formula."

● *Call in the Night opens at the West Yorkshire Playhouse, Leeds (0113 2442111) tonight*

Clones take a gamble

Featherstonehaughs
Oxford Playhouse

LAS VEGAS must be hell on earth, but as evoked on stage by the Featherstonehaughs, it is pleasantly harmless. *The Featherstonehaughs Go Las Vegas*, on a tour which ends at Sadler's Wells in June, touches not on the gambling frenzy of that town, but on the stage entertainers who bring light relief between the losses.

Frank Sinatra's voice speaks on tape; the Featherstonehaughs become ukulele players; they launch themselves into chorus-girl routines. They are an all-male ensemble, but that has never restricted them. What *has* always restricted them, however, is Lea Anderson's wilfully narrow choreography. A minimalist to the nth degree, she damps down any display of virtuosity or excess, she straitjackets any impulse for variety or individuality. The six Featherstonehaughs come in dramatically different sizes but are presented as clones in identical checked suits.

A duo, with the nerdish stance of Gilbert and George in their self-portraits, opens the evening by performing staggeringly simple head movements. A quartet follows, making partnering shapes that ingeniously fit round each other's bodies. Their style is deliberately *naïf*, crude outlines executed with the studious concentration of bank clerks who have never danced a step in their lives before. Later sections look more fluently articulated, although the repeated movements and strict unison groupings (to Steve Blake and Drostan Madden's driving music) remain. This works well in a short item, built out of the copied gestures and splay-legged postures of Elvis Presley. But in more extended numbers, the impetus sags.

Anderson introduces small visual jokes that are modestly amusing; while the finale gives the audience a DIY lighting trick, requiring them to shine torches that enhance the colour changes on stage. All this makes for a happy, school-concert kind of show without much point.

NADINE MEISNER

Seriously funky stuff

Maceo Parker
Blackheath Concert Halls

THE legendary singer James Brown, in his autobiography, refers to his former saxophonist, Maceo Parker, as "real fantastic — an aggressive, dynamic player and a real worker". Parker has served three separate stints with Brown, including a tour entertaining *US troops in Vietnam*, but in recent years has established himself as a considerable crowd-pleasing act in his own right. Both he and fellow Brown alumnus, trombonist Fred Wesley, have flourishing recording deals with Germany's Minor Music, and their albums, particularly those of Wesley, leaven their staple diet — sweaty, tight funk — with just enough jazz and soul to please armchair listeners as well as their core constituency, dancers.

The latter were out in force at this standing-only gig, in which Parker and Wesley were backed by Roots Revisited: Will Boulware (organ), Leo Nocentelli (guitar), Jerry Preston (bass) and Jamal Thomas (drums). Parker stated his intentions from the off — "We're gonna play something funky" — and proceeded to do just that for close on two hours. The band began — without Wesley — with a medium-paced shuffler from their 1993 album *Southern Exposure*. *Blues for Shorty Bill*, and followed it swiftly with a more vigorous piece, *Make It Funky*, from their latest recording, *Soundtrack*. On both tunes, Parker threw off his trademark strident alto solos, which rely for their effect chiefly on repeated squirted phrases or searing, grainy wails.

Once he had been joined by Wesley, welcomed to the stage like a conquering hero, the evening proceeded to get seriously funky. A relaxed, slow-building number centred on the repeated refrain "pass the peas" provided Wesley with the opportunity to demonstrate his surprisingly subtle soloing, in which mellow, sonorous phrases are tellingly juxtaposed with the odd big, braying comment, but the concert's centrepiece was a long funk medley.

Beginning with the repeated, and by this time somewhat redundant, exhortation to "shake everything you got", Parker and Wesley whipped the crowd into a state approaching mild frenzy with strutting solos over fearsomely hard, hammered bass and supple but insistent drums, given texture and depth by Boulware's swirling Hammond and Nocentelli's tight, propulsive guitar.

A drum solo, odd quotations from tunes ranging from the Sonny Rollins calypso favourite *St Thomas* through to *Three Blind Mice* and *London Bridge is Falling Down*, and the audience were putty in Parker's hands, ready to be soothed into close dancing by a smoochy ballad, re-aroused to delirium with a succession of heavy funk staples, and then sent into the night with *Funky Good Time* ringing in their ears.

Parker and Wesley may not be especially virtuosic, but as providers of slick, danceable funk they're unbeatable.

CHRIS PARKER

Revolving bore

The Counting Of Years
Young Vic, SE1

MARILYN KINGWILL



Gail Ghislaine-Sixsmith and Miltos Yerolomou do their best to cope with the conundrum of *The Counting Of Years*

COUNTING the years? I was counting every eternal minute of this tediously murky avant-garde piece, created in collaboration with Pete Brooks. It is vaguely about a surreal hotel and the stresses of living in a war zone; being told tall stories and getting your sexual kicks (the distinction is apparently fuzzy); and — oh, yes — the major events of the 20th century and Chaos Theory.

Theoretically this might be interesting, and Ruth Ben-Tovim's staging mainly does the piece proud. Alice Purcell's steel-scaffold set is stylish, with its sacked rooms separated by glass screens and connected by surprise ladders. We could be watching the hotel in cross-section or glimpsing parallel universes, miles and decades apart. The trouble is the raw material. Scenes are replayed — albeit with flashes of self-parody — ad infinitum, without sufficient illumination of the puzzles of the plot.

The telephone rings. The young hotel porter, who has a hint of the futuristic about him with his orange uniform and hairless head, picks up the receiver. The anonymous caller alarms him with a long piece of prose-poetry: something about how "no-one speaks. No-one talks about what is happening ... No-man's land of a city under siege ... Spring will never come." The words, perhaps deliberately, are not easy to decipher over a tensely throbbing soundtrack.

Then a squat gangster (the wittily melodramatic Miltos Yerolomou) pops up in film-noir mode and terrorises the porter (Nick Sutton) for a packet of American smokes and aggressive sex. Meanwhile a woman (Gail Ghislaine-Sixsmith), in wig and shades like a spoof 1960s double-agent, loiters outside. Soon, Yerolomou and Ghislaine-Sixsmith are checking in in a flurry of funny personae, from flailingly foreign to creakily ancient. You can't be certain if you are watching doubling actors or characters with alarming chameleon-like identities.

We spy on the guests. The man is a fiction fetishist. He masturbates while the woman grudgingly tells him porkies. Inventing glamorous, historically aware autobiographies, she has only to touch on a few significant dates and mention Marxist-Leninism and he is satisfied. But they then embark on ensnaring the porter in a recurring love affair that keeps ending either in her suicide or a sniper's bullet for him. No wonder he spends much of his time splayed against the back wall, looking appalled.

KATE BASSETT

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Reclaim culture in the classroom

A photograph of Sir John Harvey-Jones, many times larger than life-size, presides brightly over a number of London Tube stations at present. The poster bears a simple statement: "I wouldn't invest in a company that didn't invest in its people."

Now Sir John is to make another related but, perhaps more surprising public statement: that an emphasis on the arts in education is as necessary to economic success as technological skills.

Tomorrow, together with Sir David Puttnam and Professor Ken Robinson of Warwick University he will give a keynote speech at a conference sponsored by *The Times Educational Supplement* entitled "Culture, Commerce and the Curriculum". This will question the relatively low priority given to the arts and cultural matters in a science and technology biased curriculum.

A film director and a professor of arts education might be expected to argue that the arts are more than a soft option, or an offshoot of the leisure industry. But a hard-headed businessman? Sir John is probably Britain's best-known businessman. Chairman of ICI from 1982 to 1987, he is also a Bafta award winner for his BBC *Troubleshooter* series which made business as riveting as a cop show. At 71 he is as busy as ever, making a new series of *Troubleshooter*.

"My belief in the importance of arts training stems from the fact that business is itself a creative challenge in which there is a need to use the imagination. Change and imaginative projects inevitably involve the creative side of the mind. Besides, a lot of business and industry is about communication, and communication is not about facts but emotions. People think that facts speak for themselves. They don't. Arts training helps to develop that side."

Sir John is critical of an education system which, he believes "concentrates on memory and the assimilation of facts". He would like more space in the curriculum for the arts. The goal of education should be, he says, "the development of the whole person". Commerce would benefit from employing people with a broader outlook because "business needs people who have self-confidence, self-belief".

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HEATHER NEILL

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The Law Society presidential race: **Frances Gibb** meets Henry Hodge and below left, a lighthearted analysis

Riding for a win?

☐ There is a definite buzz in the normally staid headquarters of the Law Society in Chancery Lane. The building is alive with gossip, rumour; the latest news . . . Staff and council members say that things may never be the same.
For the first time in 40 years, the society is facing contested elections for president, vice and deputy vice-president. Instead of the usual Buggins's turn, in which the 75-member council elects a deputy vice-president and he (it has always been a man) moves up to president in two years, there will be a ballot of the whole profession. Before the shockwaves of that upheaval had subsided, a fresh furore erupted when John Young, vice-president and president-in-waiting after 24 years of Law Society Council committees, was forced to retire amid allegations of sexual harassment. In fact, the post of president is important only as figurehead for the profession; the real power lies with the chief executive (John Hayes, who retires next year). But the upheaval is a clear sign of discontent in the profession at large and a mandate for change.

Three candidates are in the running for the context to be the next president of the Law Society: Henry Hodge, now deputy vice-president, and the council's favoured candidate; Eileen Pembridge, the council member who first made the harassment allegations that led to the resignation of the vice-president; and Martin Mears, the anti-Chancery Lane solicitor who forced the ballot in the first place.

Mr Hodge has a head start. In the profession he is well-known — even if his name is usually coupled with that of Margaret, his better-known wife, the Labour MP for Barking and formerly the leader of Islington Borough Council. This year, however, Hodge made it into *Who's Who* in his own right: clear evidence of his Establishment credentials.

It is something that, along with long experience of the Law Society machine through 11 years on committees, gives him credibility but, equally, it can be damaging: Mr Mears, for instance, labels him as the "failed left-wing Establishment" who has been part of making the Law Society what Mr Mears describes as an "obese bureaucracy".

Yet Mr Hodge is not a typical council member. A legal aid solicitor appointed to represent those interests on the council, he says: "I have always seen myself as a bit of an outsider in a rather Establishment organisation."

His background marks him out from many other members: he founded Hodge Jones & Allen, his own legal-aid practice, in 1977 and has an impressive record of work with groups such as Justice, Child Poverty Action (he was its secretary before setting up his own firm), Camden Citizens Advice Bureau (1983-88) and quangos such as the Social Security Advisory Committee (1980-92), for which he was appointed OBE in 1993.

He seemed the obvious choice last year when discontent began to surface in the profession to go out on a mission to "listen and explain" to the membership and to improve communications between the grass roots and Chancery Lane.

But he rejects the view that the profession is up in arms. He says: "Martin Mears has arrived because people feel strapped for cash. But there are no furious groups who turn up when we go around — they are critical but they don't know the facts.

"When they hear what we are trying to do, they are reasonable." There had, he admitted, been a failure to communicate. He also accepts that to win the profession's confidence, there must be reform. His own 50-point agenda aims to tackle waste and surplus within the Law Society bureaucracy, to overhaul the Solicitors Complaints Bureau, making it an agency of the society (run by a board with lay members), to bring in a system of cautions for firms with poor complaints-handling and — with an eye on the concerns of the high street solicitor — to promote guideline fees for conveyancing and to scrap Law Society proposals that would require separate lawyers for housebuyers and sellers (not one, as now).

Perhaps of most interest to solicitors is that he wants a 10 per cent cut in the practising certificate fee and to re-evaluate the need for £1 million indemnity cover.

He rejects the view that he is vote-seeking. He has put forward many of these views within the society for some time, but says: "Only now am I reaching a position [in the hierarchy] in which I can get things done."

The society council is, he argues, an ineffective decision-making body and he would like to see it cut by perhaps half, but at the same time made more democratic and accountable to members.

Mr Hodge's strengths are that he knows the problems of the small firm, although his own legal-aid practice is — unlike some — highly successful: the turnover is £2.4 million and partners earn from £40,000 to £70,000 a year.

He also understands how to run an administrative machine (his rivals, he says, do not) and he has unmatchable political contacts: the Blairs are friends and neighbours.

Mr Hodge also scores high in political correctness: he abhors sexual and racial discrimination — much of his Law Society work has been in this field — and he argues passionately that measures to tackle this are not "irrelevant posturing".

He says: "It is vital that the Law Society stands up for equal treatment for everybody. What are you, as a solicitor, if you don't do that — don't regard everyone as equal before the law?"

An Arsenal Football Club supporter and motorbike enthusiast who rides to work, Mr Hodge also likes gardening and golf. He and Margaret live with their children (they have two, and he has also brought up two stepchildren from her previous marriage) in Islington, north London, where they are part of the charmed circle of new Labour.


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Henry Hodge: a motorbike enthusiast, he believes he can add drive at the top

But Mr Hodge, a bank manager's son who went to Chigwell School, Essex, and read law at Balliol College, is confident he is the only candidate who can unite the profession and represent its views.

"Both my opponents are coming at the job from opportunist positions," he says. "I believe that I can represent the broad interests of the profession. I have a track record, and the confidence of those both in the council and outside it."

A president but without power

I have always believed in voting. In some elections I have been hard-pressed to make my choice from a slate of equally dismal candidates, but I have always voted. Now for the first time I am being allowed to vote for the president of the Law Society.

The last time there was an election for the president was in 1954 when F. Hubert Jessop, an Aberystwyth solicitor, decided that he was fed up with London solicitors running things. He won the election but failed to get the knighthood that was then customary.

I am waiting to see whether the election in June will be by a genuinely secret ballot. The last vote was on the level of compensation to be paid to senior office-holders' firms. Then the ballot cards had each member's name, address and practising certificate number on them, and, as a further security measure, each card had to be signed by the voter.



PATRICK STEVENS

This election offers a real choice with candidates of widely differing views. For the past 40 years, the society council has effectively appointed the president. The council will still have a preferred candidate, and last week he was named as Henry Hodge, the current deputy vice-president. To help with their deliberations, the electors will be notified which candidate is the preferred one. This patronising anachronism is quite enough to put many voters off voting for Mr Hodge because the society is deeply unpopular among the rank and file. It is seen as doing nothing to stop the decline in incomes while imposing ever-more onerous regulations and huge increases in fees. This unpopularity is both unfair and rarely communicated to the hierarchy at the society, but it is real.

The election will be decided not by a small group who know the candidates well, but by the views and prejudices of thousands of solicitors who, like me, have never met them. What, then, is the rank and file's view of the three candidates? Not very flattering.

Martin Mears is seen as an arch-Conservative with no coherent programme, other than attacking most of what the society does. Though this is often cited as a criticism, given the state of anti-Law Society feeling, a candidate who promised to hang the Law Society Council before razing Chancery Lane to the ground would stand an excellent chance of election. To his detractors, Mr Hodge is the worst type of politically correct Islington socialist intent on making sure that every Truro sole practitioner has the requisite quota of minority groups on the staff.

Eileen Pembridge, an ardent feminist, arouses strong feelings because she is a successful and able woman. This means that nearly half the profession is against her from the start. The men are more evenly divided.

The only thing that the three candidates have in common is that they all used the same lavatory at Law Society headquarters. The facilities for council members were designed exclusively for men and for four years Ms Pembridge insisted on using them. She told the embarrassed men that she was so short-sighted she could not recognise the members concerned.

Her "outing" of John Young, the vice-president (she denies she is to blame in that she mentioned no names), has caused controversy in the profession. Reactionary elements are privately horrified at the thought of a vice-president having to withdraw his candidacy because of allegations of sexual harassment. The attitude of the Left is different. One thoughtful left-winger said: "If John Young was merely dancing too close to a woman two years ago, it is no reason for him to stand down. If there were more to it than that and if people such as Ms Pembridge and Mr Hodge knew about it, they should have made more of a fuss at the time. Have they also been party to a cover-up?" All the left-leaning lawyers expressed concern about Mr Mears getting in on a split vote between Ms Pembridge and Mr Hodge. Meanwhile, the news that Ms Pembridge is being taken to an industrial tribunal by a former employee alleging discrimination will do her no harm but will lead doubters to think her less right-on than she sometimes sounds [*see Inns and Outs below*].

Whoever is elected, in reality there is little that a president can do to improve things for the profession. The society has limited influence and less true power than the news editor of *The Sun*. The only real change a president can effect is to make things much worse. It is here that Mr Mears's critics are more strident. The legal press have been full of anonymous sniping about him, suggesting that nobody will work with him and that the work of the society will grind to a halt. To the beleaguered small practitioner in South Shields, struggling to find his practising certificate fee, this may be the argument to win Mr Mears the election ahead of Mr Hodge.

Elections hot up

A NEW batch of candidates has entered the Law Society elections after the council meeting last week. As predicted, Henry Hodge is favourite for president, and John Aucott has won Law Society Council backing for vice-president. He will fight against Robert Sayer, who is standing on an anti-Chancery Lane ticket. For deputy vice-president, the council is backing Tony Girling.

Eileen Pembridge is resisting any pressure to pull out so that the liberal-left-legal aid vote is not split between her and Hodge. More than 30 women from her firm, Fisher Meredith, have written, strongly defending her against accusations of sexual discrimination by a former secretary with the firm and supporting Ms Pembridge's stance on women.

INNS AND OUTS

Contracted in

THE Consumers' Association is to challenge a government decision in the courts for the first time. Mr Justice Sedley granted leave for the group to challenge Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, in the High Court over small print in contracts. Unfair terms in small print have long plagued consumers.

New policy chief

IAN BURNS, 55, is to succeed Michael Malone-Lee as head of policy at the Lord Chancellor's Department. Burns has been head of the Police Department in the Home Office since 1990.

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● *A NEW organisation for barristers and solicitors, Young Women Lawyers, is launched at Parliament Chamber, Inner Temple, tomorrow. Details: Samantha James (0113-244 2018).*

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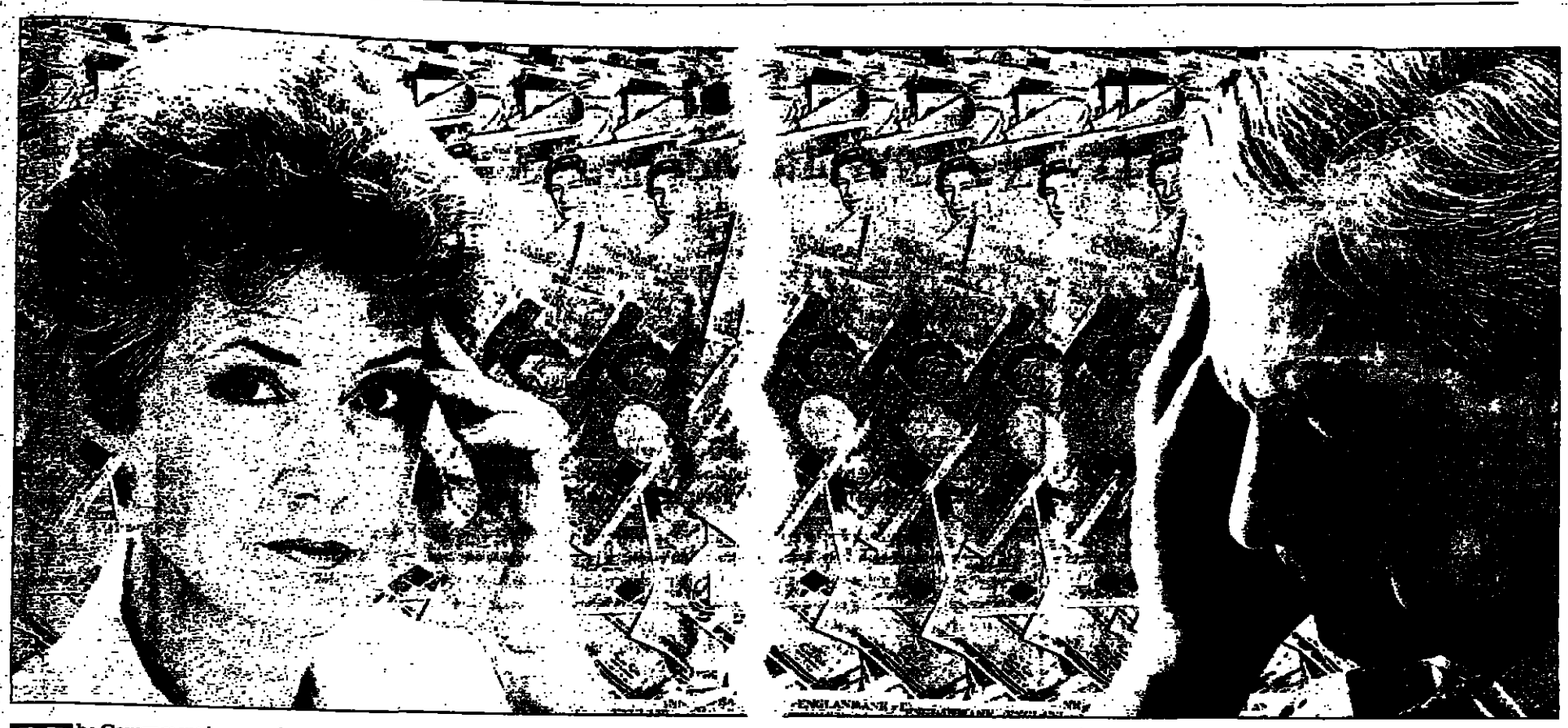
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Chris Barton looks at the benefits — and the dangers — of the plan to give former wives a better deal



Is it fair to split a pension on divorce?

The Government is preparing to change the law to allow wives a fair share of their husbands' pensions on divorce after proposals won a second reading in the Commons last week.

The reform — agreed by the Government under pressure in the Lords from an all-party coalition of peers — would bring England and Wales into line with Scotland, and require courts to take pension rights into account when splitting assets. Up to 200,000 couples a year could be affected.

It is clear that the present law can cause injustice. Buried away in the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 is the requirement that the court merely "have regard" to any benefit "such as a pension" that a divorcing spouse will lose the chance of acquiring. (In Scotland, the equivalent legislation renders it mandatory for the court to include occupational pension rights in the "matrimonial" property — which, on divorce, *must* be shared "fairly" between the spouses.)

But in England and Wales, the wife who has dedicated herself to housekeeping and motherhood at the expense of pensionable employment may therefore live to see her former husband in comfortable retirement while she is forced to find whatever work she can. On the other hand, where the divorce court does address the issue, the husband is made to pay for his freedom with the immediate loss of other assets. This can leave him temporarily short of capital, but with his future pension intact, and his former partner with, typically, the house but no pension.

The obvious solution would seem to be to split the value of the pension on divorce, as if the man were changing employment and taking his expectations with him. This would leave him with some of "his" assets and his ex-wife with her share of their — morally co-earned — long-term security. An example of such moral entitlement may be found in the recent Court of Appeal decision in *Brooks v Brooks*. The 64-year-old husband owned a building company. Three years after the wedding, the company, which employed Mrs Brooks for a time, established a pension fund for the benefit of the husband, who was entitled to surrender a portion of it to a spouse. Much later, on divorce, the court found that the husband had deliberately run down his other assets in order to defeat his wife's claims.

She was by then aged 56 and had no income prospects beyond the state widow's pension at 60. (As long ago as 1967, the Law Commission bemoaned the fate of women of 45 and older on divorce who "... have poor expectations of remarriage so that if they lose their hope of an occupational pension in right of the first husband, they are likely to lose all hope ...").

> 'If divorced wives lose all hope of a pension, they are likely to lose hope entirely'

In *Brooks*, the Court of Appeal held that it was able to tap into the fund by judging it to be a post-nuptial settlement, which Parliament has allowed the divorce court to vary since 1859. The judgment was based on the fact that the husband alone was entitled to the benefit of the pension fund, and he alone had the power on retirement to surrender part of his entitlement to his spouse. Consequently, their lordships varied the terms to provide Mrs Brooks with an immediate index-linked pension, continuable on Mr Brooks's death.

Paradoxically, it is this case that highlights the need for reform. As Lord Justice Hoffmann pointed out in his dissenting judgment, it is not given to the divorce court to provide for the wife out of someone else's money. If fund managers can show the rights of the spouses are incapable of variation without risk of interference with the interests of the third-party employees, the scheme is untouchable by the court. This is the difficulty that will tax the Government in honouring its promise to the all-party group of peers. In Australia, where it has been suggested that accrued entitlements to superannuation attributable to their period of cohabitation be divided equally between divorcing spouses, there is disagreement about whether such division should be automatic or discretionary.

With memories of the recent child-support debacle in mind, the British Government is likely to be wary of a rigidly formulaic approach — and even more so of any retrospective change, with its attendant danger of second families, of hitherto "respectable" voting habits, being hit unawares. The Child Support Act 1991 represented an about-turn from the Children Act 1989, in its retreat from private ordering to compulsory state intervention.

Pension-splitting on divorce may yet be seen, if only by disgruntled former husbands and their new wives, as an unwelcome reversal of the last statutory tuning of the divorce court's "alimony" jurisdiction. The Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984, instigated by a Cabinet containing a number of wealthy divorced men and headed by the second wife of a divorced millionaire, chose to encourage "self-sufficiency" among former wives. Ex-husbands may see pension-splitting as another "meal ticket for life".

● *The writer is co-author with Gillian Douglas of* Law and Parenthood *(£24.95, Butterworth, 1995).*

Big payoffs as sackings start

Dismissals at a leading firm are part of a trend, and settlements of £1 million are being mentioned

More sackings have been announced by City law firms and they seem to be part of a trend. Huge compensation packages are being mentioned. Gareth Quarry, a recruitment expert, said last week: "Several firms are making huge payoffs — as much as £1 million — to persuade partners in their early fifties to leave."

The tough-talking national law firm Dibb Lupton Broomhead is getting rid of 11 partners, some of whom have yet to reach 40. Coming after a couple of messy departures earlier this year, it underlines the Dibbs reputation for remorselessly demanding high performance.

Paul Rhodes, the managing partner, said that many firms had partners who had been handsomely paid, and some of them had been underperforming.

> 'The older lawyers add weight and sagacity'

Though he was aware that these redundancies would cause the firm some embarrassment, Mr Rhodes was firm about their necessity. "We are biting on the bullet and doing what needs to be done to secure the firm's long-term profitability," he said. "Other firms ought to be following our example."

Dibbs has just come out top in an income survey by *The Lawyer*, and Mr Quarry echoes the Rhodes analysis. "As usual," he says, "Dibbs is taking the lead. Experience suggests that firms which delay taking remedial action are forced to make more painful and deeper cuts later on." The outstanding example of this is Turner Kenneth Brown (TKB), whose long history, stretching back to the 18th century, has come to an end this week. The firm has combined with Nabarro Nathanson. From a period in the early 1990s, when it had more than 60 partners, it is now reduced to 24, of whom 21 will become partners at Nabarro.

The sad tale of TKB has many ingredients, of which overpaid partners may be only one. However, it is clear that the expectations of partners in many other firms are now being dashed as profitability shrinks.

Mr Rhodes said many solicitors had assumed that once they were partners, they were guaranteed high salaries — come what may. "That attitude," he said, "is now unsustainable."

The strongest pressure on managing partners to dispense with under-performers is coming from the ambitious assistant solicitors aged around 30 who resent seeing their path blocked by those who appear to have become too comfortable in middle age. Many firms have now given in to the demands for these young turks to be made partners. Simmons & Simmons is announcing 18 new partners, Herbert Smith has an increase of 14, Eversheds has 20, Clifford Chance 15 and many other leading firms are promoting at least half a dozen.

The real challenge to managing and senior partners is how to motivate and maintain the performance of their firms in these circumstances. Getting rid of men and women in their early fifties is probably not viable in the long term.

David Lindsey, a partner for the Miami firm of Steel Hector & Davis, who has been on secondment to the UK over the past few months, expressed astonishment last week at the way in which experience and worldly wisdom were being cast aside.

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Curing parents' exam nerves

When your offspring are under pressure, says **Libby Purves**, stay calm, exude confidence and keep the pizzas coming

"DO NOT on any account attempt to write on both sides of the paper at once." says *1066 And All That*. Parents, nerving themselves to face another examination season, need reminding with equal firmness that we are not going to be writing on either side of any paper. Our children are doing the work. It is their day. Support, advice, assistance we may offer, but when the bell goes the seconds have to climb out of the ring and wait with the sponge and towel.

The parental tendency to pitch in and interfere is never so apparent as when your precious, unique baby is being heartlessly tested by a dispassionate system.

The first tests are at seven. They are now less infamously complicated than four years ago, and given a skilful primary teacher it is quite possible the child will never notice it is being tested. Given a less skilful school, they can cause considerable distress and apprehension. Sharp new pencils and words of robust encouragement are probably as far as you can go at this stage: it passes very quickly.

This, however, is nothing to the next hurdles: Parents with experience of the 11-plus, or of the common entrance in the private system, are familiar with the particular unease of preparing children as young as 10 for a test that matters. Experience of music grades helps considerably, or of routine unstressful tests inside schools. But some young children take the whole thing very hard indeed. By this age children know perfectly well what it is to be tested and to fail. It is a dress rehearsal for GCSE. Sleeplessness, panic attacks, unwonted moroseness, defeatism, and bouts of hyperventilation are all par for the course.

By now the sad distinctions of nature are visible. Bright children rather like exams, as a chance to show off and score highly. If they do badly, they are so outraged that it spurs them on to greater efforts (as one virago of my acquaintance snarled: "Nobody puts me down a maths set and lives!"). This is why schools do "mocks", to stir them up a bit. But the less able children hate the whole business, see only despair ahead, and loathe "mocks" more than anything. The majority fall between the types and just toss, and turn, and snap, and gripe.

Can we do anything, other than feed them properly? Do we have a role? Practical help with revision is of use, but only if it is asked for and stays basic — such as hearing a list of words or formulae as they are committed to memory. Enthusiastic amateur help, especially with maths, can be fatal.

Better to expend your energy on hounding the teachers to help or, in the last resort, paying for a few sessions of coaching. Thirty quids' worth of a good, dispassionate maths tutor can sometimes throw light into cobwebby corners of misunderstanding that the regular teacher would be mortified to know about. For two years of my childhood, having missed one class, I remained vaguely convinced that "area" was a place you parked aeroplanes, and never could see why length-times-breadth got you there. It took a house-move and a change of school for light to dawn.

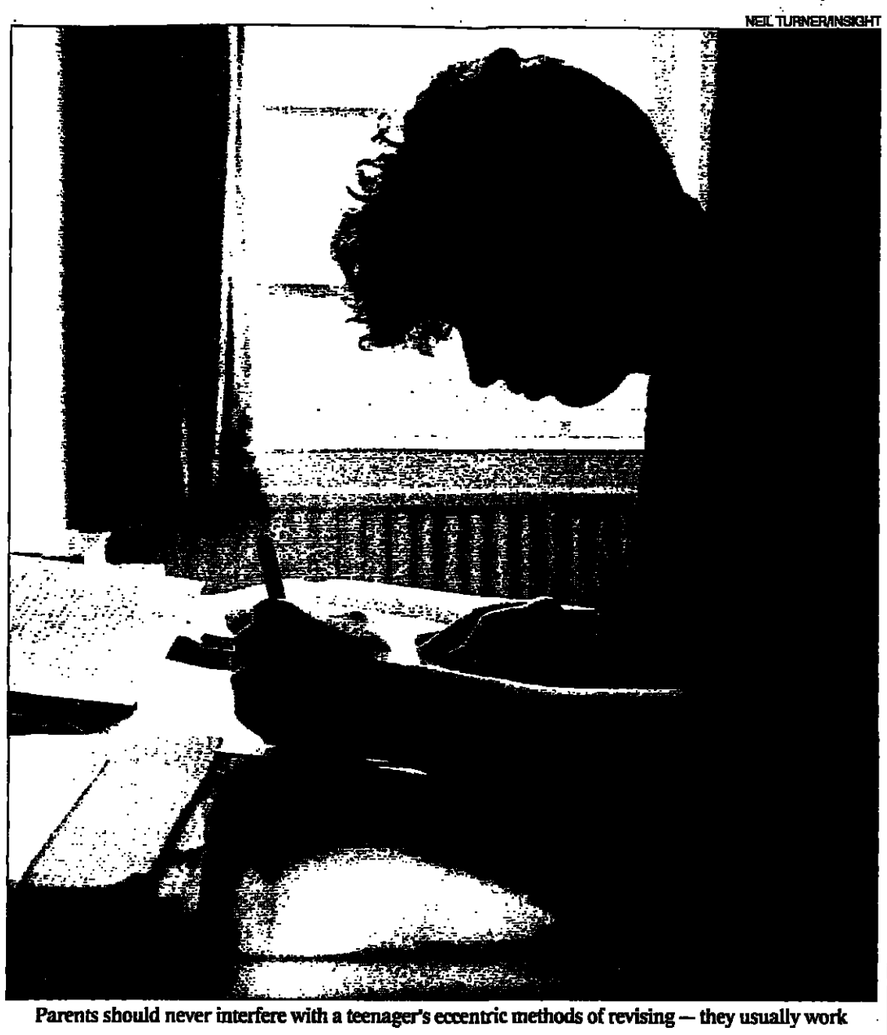
Especially in the run-up to GCSE, parents may be tempted by the vast array of curriculum ready-revisers rushed out by keen publishers in response to educational panic. Teenagers ought at least to be allowed to choose their own: unlike the son of a sniffling woman I met in W H Smith, buying a vast sheaf at random. "He'll spoil his chances, so I'm taking over."

But the most important thing is somehow to find a genuinely helpful attitude. Don't bribe: success is enough in itself, and bribes spoil the brilliant and burden the dim. Don't make invidious comparisons between siblings. Don't intrude your own emotional baggage, empathising with the child's every twinge ("I went through hell during O levels, darling. I do know").

Stay calm, exude confidence, don't have inflated expectations. Don't interfere with a teenager's eccentric system of revising. Many fine grades have been got by revising with chittering headphones on, or sunbathing on a canal bank, or with a friend. Odd techniques like this are actually recommended by some psychologists: the idea is you remember the Madonna album or the canal bridge, and it brings back a flood of associated formulae and quotations. One boy got 10 superb GCSEs to the stupefaction of his mother, who reveals that he spent the preceding week lying on his bed playing his accordian with books propped loosely around him. "Some of them were open," she says helplessly. "But I never actually saw him look at a page." So don't be boring about desks and silence; stay benevolent, keep the pizzas coming.

And if the worst comes to the worst, in VE summer you can quote that well-known school failure, Winston Churchill. Receiving yet another honorary degree, he once said, in an echo of his Battle of Britain speech: "No one ever passed so few examinations and received so many degrees."

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Parents should never interfere with a teenager's eccentric methods of revising — they usually work

CHECKLIST

- ☐ Keep out of the way: offer practical help only when requested
- ☐ Look out for signs of stress
- ☐ Keep an eye on diet
- ☐ Don't give amateur advice in subjects where you have little expertise
- ☐ Don't offer bribes for good results
- ☐ Don't add to the pressure with sibling comparisons

Getting the best results

Can you pep up academic performance by giving children a diet high in fish?

Is it possible to influence a child's academic ability by altering diet? Would Bertie Wooster have been a bit brighter if he had eaten up his fish, as nanny wanted? It is just possible that some of the fatty acids found in the brain are also present in fish oil, so that a high fish diet may be beneficial in early infancy, and during pregnancy, when neurological tissue is being laid down. But in general a good all-round diet will provide the raw materials for the development of the brain.

The widely accepted opinion is that if children are already enjoying a nourishing diet, vitamin and mineral supplements will not enhance intelligence and academic performance. If, however, children are suffering from a specific deficiency, most commonly iron, performance will improve if this particular lack is corrected.

Dr Tom Sanders, of the Department of Nutrition at King's College, London, said research had shown that if children were used to having breakfast, their academic performance suffered if it was missed. Surprisingly, the converse was also true: children who never ate breakfast did not do so well if one was suddenly provided.

Dr Sanders said that there was also evidence that an adequate carbohydrate intake could be important. Performance could fall if this became inadequate. Cereals will do for breakfast, it does not have to be the traditional porridge. Older students shouldn't vary their coffee and tea intake either: it may be traditional to work with a cup of black coffee forever on the table, but too much caffeine may reduce rather than increase performance.

Life at home during examination times should not alter: change creates tension and stress, and the home should always represent stability.

Provided that family life is normally reasonably free from drama and discord, it should continue as before; there is no need for hushed voices and solemn questioning glances. Sleep routine should never be varied, it is counter-productive and merely creates additional anxiety to suffer sleep deprivation by cramming into the early hours.

After the results are known, congratulatons can be lavished, but inquests on any failure should be discreet, with questions directed to the school rather than to the pupil. Sensitive children hate being judged and as exams by their very nature are judgmental, any shortcomings need particular care in handling.

Parents have to achieve a balance between showing so little interest that the child responds by not bothering with scholastic work, and being so enthusiastic that their interest becomes demanding and the child is reduced to a neurotic wreck, or even precipitated into psychotic breakdown.

Adult patients' troubles often started when it became obvious that their natural ability did not match parental expectation: their whole life may later have been blighted and twisted by predictable failure to achieve some academic milestone coveted by an ambitious mother or father.

A parent's desire for their children's success must be so tempered that it never appears that their love and approval are dependent on it. Few consultations are more distressing than those with parents whose praise for their children is obviously as conditional on success as biscuits would be for a dog who does clever tricks.

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

TOMORROW

Our subject-by-subject guide to the classroom tests begins with **English** for 14-year-olds, followed by **mathematics** on **Thursday** and **science** on **Friday**

Powers of district judges

Joyce v Liverpool City Council
Wynne v Same

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Justice Aldous

[Judgment April 28]

District judges had jurisdiction to grant specific performance or other injunctive relief in resolving small claims referred for arbitration under Order 19 of the County Court Rules 1981.

The small claims arbitration procedure was the norm for the disposal of small, relatively simple claims and such claims made by tenants to enforce the landlord's implied repairing obligation under section 11 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 could not form any general exception.

The Court of Appeal so stated dismissing appeals by Mrs Angela Joyce and Mr William Wynne from Judge Marshall Evans and Judge Hedley respectively who, sitting at Liverpool County Court, had upheld decisions of district judges that both plaintiffs' claims under section 11 of the 1985 Act for specific performance and damages against their landlords, Liverpool City Council, could be determined by the district judge exercising his small claims arbitration jurisdiction and should have been referred to that forum.

Mr Timothy King, QC and Mr David Bennett for the plaintiffs; Mr Edward Bartley Jones and Miss Tania Griffiths for the council.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, giving the judgment of the court, said that a circuit judge, acting within his jurisdiction and subject to express exceptions not presently relevant, might exercise all the powers of a High Court judge. Those included the power to grant both interlocutory and final injunctions, other than *Anton Piller* [search and seize] orders and *Mareva* [asset freezing] injunctions, whether or not any claim was made to money or any other relief within the county court's jurisdiction. He might do so at any stage of the proceedings: see Order 13, rule 6(1) and (2) of the 1981 Rules.

The district judge, acting within his jurisdiction under the County Courts Act 1984 or any other Act or the 1981 Rules, had all the powers of a judge: see Order 50, rule 2. That power was confirmed, in relation to his trial jurisdiction under Order 21, rule 5(1), by Order 21, rule 5(2B).

His power to grant injunctions before or after the hearing in proceedings which he had jurisdiction to determine under Order 21, rule 5 "or otherwise" was confirmed by Order 13, rule 6(2). The expression "or otherwise" had to cover proceedings automatically referred for arbitration by the district judge, since those undoubtedly were proceedings which he had power to hear and determine and also which he was authorised to hear and determine under the 1984 Act and the 1981 Rules.

Save that there was under the general law no power to make a declaration or, probably, order specific performance as an interlocutory remedy, what was true of an injunction was true of those other remedies.

It made no difference that the small claims procedure conducted by the district judge was, in the court's view inaptly, described as arbitration. He remained a salaried judicial officer throughout; his powers and procedures were governed by the Act and the Rules; his award took effect as a judgment; the hearing was in practice conducted at and in the name of the county court.

The court agreed with the judges below on the jurisdictional issue and would add that where, as here, the plaintiff's claim was by a tenant against a landlord for breach of a repairing obligation, it seemed plain that section 17 of the 1985 Act envisaged that the court dealing with that claim would have jurisdiction to grant specific performance.

Rescission of automatic reference

The court rejected Mr King's submission that the judges below had misapplied and wrongly treated *Afzal v Ford Motor Co Ltd* ([1994] 4 All ER 720) as requiring section 11 claims within the financial limit to be automatically subject to the small claims arbitration procedure.

In *Afzal*'s case the Court of Appeal had discountenanced the view that claims against employers arising out of accidents at work were necessarily unsuitable for determination under the small claims arbitration procedure.

It had pointed out that the grounds for revocation specified in Order 19, rule 3(2)(a) referred not merely to the existence of questions of law and of fact, but to difficult questions of law and exceptionally complex questions of facts: see p734A.

It had also pointed out that the claimant's lack of representation could not of itself provide a ground for ordering trial in court where the defendant was represented, since Order 19, rule 7(4) expressly recognised that one party might be represented and the other not: see p734H.

Its decision (see p735C) showed that while in the ordinary way low value claims would be determined under the small claims arbitration procedure the final decision had to rest with the district judge charged with the task of doing substantial justice in the particular case.

It was for him to decide whether "it would be unreasonable for the claim to proceed to arbitration having regard to its subject matter . . . the circumstances of the parties or the interests of any other person likely to be affected by the award": see Order 19, rule 3(2)(d).

He, as the final decision maker, was likely to be the best judge whether that test was met in any given case. Great respect was to be paid to his decision not only because of his experience of dealing with individual cases but also because of the knowledge he would have of the local situation.

Difficult questions of fact and law might arise in borderline cases, but the solution was likely to be fairly obvious in the ordinary run of cases.

Expert evidence might be more important in section 11 claims than in many claims against employers, but armed with an expert's report, obtained, usually with legal assistance, before proceedings were issued, the burden on the tenant of preparing and presenting his case was proportionately reduced.

It had to be borne in mind that the common defects likely to fall within the financial scope of the small claims arbitration procedure, immovable or ill-fitting windows, minor leaks in the roof, overflowing drains, defective boilers, were not things which the average tenant, or the tenant's spouse, would find hard to understand or describe.

The district judge conducting a small claims arbitration was under a clear duty to ensure that the claimant's case did not go by default: see Order 19, rule 7. If the defendant's conduct put the claimant to unreasonable expense the claimant could be compensated: see rule 4(2)(c).

Cases would, however, arise in which despite the smallness of the sums involved justice could not be done to an unrepresented claimant under the arbitration procedure. Trial might then be ordered.

But for the great mass of small and relatively simple claims the arbitration procedure had to be the norm. Section 11 claims could not form any general exception.

Reasonable housing conditions were without doubt a condition of ordinary human happiness. But the evidence on the appeal did suggest that court trial of minor section 11 claims yielded a benefit to the legal profession out of all proportion to that gained by the tenant and diverted the funds of local authority landlords from purposes more germane to their public function.

Solicitors: Gregory Abrams, Liverpool and Stephen Irving & Co, Liverpool; Sharpe Pritchard for Mr Paul F. Taylor, Liverpool.

Authors pay income tax on notes

Wain v Cameron (Inspector of Taxes)

Before Mr Justice Harman

[Judgment April 27]

The exploitation by an author of manuscripts, notebooks and other working papers produced by him in the course of his profession gave rise to a profit that was chargeable to income tax under Case II of Schedule D.

Mr Justice Harman so held in the Chancery Division when dismissing an appeal by way of case stated by the executors of the will of the taxpayer, John Barrington Wain, from the decision of a special commissioner (Mr T. H. K. Everett) determining an assessment to Schedule D income tax for 1988-89 in the sum of £27,898.

Professor Wain died after the commissioner had given his decision and the appeal was continued by his executors.

Mr David Ewart for the taxpayer; Mr Timothy Brennan for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE HARMAN said that commencing in the early 1950s and originating in the United States of America, a practice had grown up whereby academic institutions, libraries and collectors sought to acquire from well known authors their work sheets, notebooks, draft manuscripts and correspondence.

The taxpayer, a novelist and poet, had been aware from about 1955 that his papers possessed a monetary value. For some 20 years he had lent them, retaining ownership, first to Reading Public Library and then to the University of Edinburgh.

In 1986 he had agreed the sale of his papers to Edinburgh University library for £25,000.

The sale did not include the copyright to any of his works.

The case stated summarised the taxpayer's argument, not substantially different from that now advanced by Mr Ewart, that what was sold was not the copyright nor the completed copies of his works but notebooks and memorabilia.

The character, it was said, of what he sold differed from the character of his finished works: what was sold, Mr Ewart said, was part of the process of producing his works, not a professional product as the profession of author was to produce books not notebooks.

The commissioner rejected that argument concluding that what the taxpayer sold was a part of the fruits of his profession as author and accordingly the profit he received was chargeable to Schedule D tax.

The Crown argued that the the commissioner was entirely correct and that the proper approach was that where any property rights created in the course of a profession that were turned to profit by realisation, that profit was to be treated as taxable as part of the profits of the activities carried out by the taxpayer during the continuation of his profession.

The commissioner had found as a fact that those papers and notebooks were created in the course of the taxpayer's activities as an author. Different considerations might apply to private letters written by a famous author in the course of his private life.

However, the exploitation by the taxpayer of anything produced in the course of his profession was taxable as a profit under Case II of Schedule D.

Solicitors: Stephens Innocent; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Power to grant injunction in dispute

Themehelp Ltd v West and Others

Before Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Waite

[Judgment April 6]

Letters of credit, performance bond and guarantees were all subject to the general principle that they must be treated as autonomous contracts, whose operation was not to be interfered with by a court on grounds extraneous to the credit or guarantee itself.

The sole exception was instances of fraud, although even there the law recognised the prima facie right of the guarantor to be the sole arbiter on whether payment under the guarantee should be refused.

However, where the issue to be decided was simply that between the buyer and seller in a case where no demand had yet been made on the bank guarantors, who were not parties to the action, a judge was right to conclude that he had power to grant an injunction to restrain the making of the demands without proof of fraud as between the defendant and the banks and to grant an injunction on further concluding that it was seriously arguable that on the available material fraud was the only reasonable inference.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing by a majority an appeal by Mr Raymond West and others, the sellers, from an order of Mr Maurice Kay, QC, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division, on June 11, 1993, granting the injunction.

Mr Michael Ashe, QC and Mr Michael Roberts for the sellers; Mr Kenneth Craig for Themehelp Ltd, the buyers.

LORD JUSTICE WAITE said that the appeal arose from a dispute between the buyers and sellers of a business. Prior to the payment of the second and third instalments, the latter secured by a performance guarantee obtained from a third party, the buyers brought an action for alleged fraudulent misrepresentation.

The buyers alleged that by the time of the execution of the agreement the sellers had become aware that an assumption on which the purchase price was based, that demand from a major customer would continue, although not necessarily at the same level, was no longer true and had failed to disclose it.

The judge had commented that previous authorities all related to instances where the guarantor was joined as a party to the injunction application, and the relief sought was a restraint upon payment by the guarantor to the beneficiary.

Here the relief had been sought at an earlier stage, against the beneficiary alone. It was common ground that there was no authority deciding whether an application of that sort was one which the court had power to grant, and if so, what principles should be applied to it.

After reviewing the evidence and argument his Lordship said that the judge had been entitled to reach his conclusion that the buyers had satisfied the onus of showing, for the purpose of interlocutory relief, that they had an arguable case at trial that fraud was the only realistic inference.

He could not discern any error of principle or misappreciation of the evidence on the judge's part which would warrant interference by the court.

LORD JUSTICE EVANS, dissenting, said that the injunction was contrary to legal principle and the appeal should be allowed.

In summary the two essential reasons were:

1 that the contract remained binding, even if the plaintiffs' allegation that they were induced to enter into it by fraudulent misrepresentation was sufficiently proved, and

2 there was no finding or evidence that the fraud exception defence would be available to the banks if payment was demanded under the guarantees.

Notwithstanding the alleged fraud "in relation to" the share sale agreement, once the contract was affirmed or could no longer be avoided, the defendants were entitled to claim payment in accordance with its terms.

The case cried out for *Mareva* [asset freezing] relief. That could extend, if necessary, to requiring payment into court of whatever sums were due from the banks: see *United Norwest Co-operatives v Johnstone* (unreported (CA) December 6, 1994).

The plaintiffs had suggested that the defendants might have other creditors and might be or become insolvent.

That did not give them a valid reason for withholding a payment which was otherwise due, and it was no part of the *Mareva* jurisdiction to give priority over other creditors: see *The Angel Bell* ([1981] QB 65). The injunction granted was an unwarranted extension of the *Mareva* jurisdiction.

Lord Justice Balcombe delivered a judgment concurring with Lord Justice Waite.

Solicitors: Vizards; Wollastons, Chelmsford.

Justices can specify start of special hours

Chief Constable of West Midlands Police v Marsden

Before Mr Justice Owen

[Judgment April 7]

Licensing justices had power under section 81A of the Licensing Act 1964, as substituted by section 5(4) of the Licensing Act 1988, to specify a limitation as to the commencement hour of a special hours certificate.

Mr Justice Owen so stated in the Queen's Bench Division when allowing an appeal by the Chief Constable of West Midlands Police by way of case stated of a decision of Coventry Licensing Justices on July 15, 1994 not to specify the commencement time sought by the police for an existing special hours certificate held by Mr Aubrey Marsden in respect of a night club in Coventry.

Mr Marsden had no objection to the police application. The justices had held that the commencement time was fixed by statute as the end of normal permitted hours on the particular day.

Mr James Quirke for the chief constable.

MR JUSTICE OWEN said that the question was whether a special hours certificate merely added something, namely three hours, on to the general licensing hours provided for in section 60 of the Act, so that the premises in Coventry could be used until 2am instead of until 11pm: or, because it was a special hours certificate, whether that certificate replaced permission granted under section 60, so that for the day on which it operated it governed all the opening hours that day, that is, whether it applied from 10am to 2am, ensuring that the chief constable would have extra control over how the premises operated and more control over licensing policy, if granted by the justices. The periods that were to be permitted hours for the purpose of the certificate were set out in section 76, as amended in 1988. The pre-existing wording did not contemplate the addition of an extra three hours to the general licensing hours.

The new words "permitted hours . . . shall extend until" could not be read as the justices took them, that is, starting from 11pm and ending at 2am. It was impossible to say that the amendment was intended to take away the scheme of the Act prior to 1988.

Once it was clear that the certificate governed all opening hours, justices should be entitled to specify a commencement time, if that was what was required.

Solicitor: Mr John Kilbey, Birmingham.

Proving plaintiff is nominal for costs order

Envis v Thakkar

Before a person could be branded a "nominal plaintiff" and ordered to give security for costs under Order 23, rule 1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, there had to be some element of deliberate duplicity or window dressing operating to the detriment of the defendant.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Kennedy and Lord Justice Evans) so held on April 7 when dismissing an appeal by the defendant, Mr Primot Thakkar, from Mr Patrick Bennett, QC, who, sitting as a deputy judge of the High Court, upheld the refusal by Master Turner of an application that the plaintiff, Mr Brian Envis, give security for the costs of the action to the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY said that by Order 23, rule 1(1) a plaintiff could be made to give security where "(b) . . . the plaintiff (not being a plaintiff who is suing in a representative capacity) is a nominal plaintiff who is suing for the benefit of some other person . . ."

No doubt when the defendant began his action he was in financial difficulties but if he succeeded he would be able to discharge his liabilities. His creditors would benefit but so would he.

Some element of deliberate duplicity had to be shown: someone with a real cause of action who in order to cheat the defendant deliberately divested himself of all right to retain any benefit from the action. That was not the case here. The plaintiff could not be regarded simply as a nominal plaintiff suing for the benefit of some other person.

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Streamlined Gough goes from strength to strength

Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, finds a new confidence at Headingley epitomised by the Yorkshire and England fast bowler

Raymond Illingworth was fond of assuring us, last summer, that when Yorkshire are strong, England are strong too. When Yorkshire finished thirteenth in the county championship and England lost in Australia, the theory was working in a way he had not anticipated, but there was more than home-town myopia to the Illingworth phrase.

Yorkshire are not strong: not yet, anyway. They have been camped in the bottom half of the championship for all but one of the past 15 years, a gruesome record unmatched by any other club. Yet the mood at Headingley this spring is infectiously upbeat, the potential on the field undeniably high. After decades of strife and toil, Yorkshire not only need to win something, they are confident that they will.

In the past week, they have overwhelmed Lancashire over both four days and one. True, they were mere "friendly" matches, if such a thing exists cross-Pennines, but the disparity in approach and conviction was sufficiently stark to persuade Michael Atherton, the England captain, among others, that Yorkshire are on the brink of something big.

The four-day game was hastened to its conclusion, yesterday, by Darren Gough. Back in comic-book hero mode, Gough took seven for 28, the best first-class figures of his career, in between juggling with the ball and grinning hugely at everyone near him. He wore a black corset, protruding above his flannels, but the foot that he cruelly injured in Australia is strong and the Gough frame is streamlined.

Gough embodies the new spirit at Headingley. It might be thought that he dangerously dominates it, that the anticipation depends overmuch on him and that the club is veiling other shortcomings by glorying in his suddenly inflated profile. Maybe this is unfair. Gough, by all accounts, is coping admirably with celebrity status and he does not, anyway, have a monopoly on talent at a club that boasts a crop of England age-group players and probably the strongest second XI in the country.

Chris Hassell, the Yorkshire chief executive, said: "I agree Darren is being built into a great white hope. I can see the dangers. I could bury my head and pretend he is not here, but I wouldn't be doing my job. He has filled a gap that has existed since Gower and Botham retired, brought back a sense of enjoyment and given the kids a role model."

He has also given impetus to Yorkshire's marketing. Gough's cherubic face, featured on a January mail shot to 800,000 households in the county, has brought in 1,500 new members and helped enormously in ticket sales for the Test match against West Indies next month. Gough has appointed Clifford Bloxham, an American, as his agent, but the mail and messages that flood into Headingley for him are sufficient to occupy one of the office girls full-time.

Gough was among the first intake of cricketing pupils at Yorkshire's academy in Bradford. The new coach is Arnie Sidebottom, formerly of Yorkshire and England but, importantly, once a football apprentice with Manchester United. It is felt that he understands the character-building necessary.

The academy boys have to clean the dressing-rooms and sweep the terraces at Bradford. They have also acted as stewards at York races. Yorkshire, though, does more than simply subject them to meniality. Hassell explained: "We have arranged for a bank manager to talk to them, and an insurance expert. We have brought in a drugs officer and a policeman. They are taught to be good people as well as good cricketers."

Diet is also strictly controlled, something which goes through the club, but no more so than appearance. It is written in the club rule book that players must be clean-shaven and they are also expected to dress smartly at all times. "The captain tells them the uniform for the day," Hassell said. "They look like a team or they get fined. One lad came in wearing an ear-ring recently and was given a good kick up the backside. We have traditions to uphold."

Yorkshire are high on tradition. Once, the tradition was of unquestioned success. More recently, it was of internal bickering and on-field failure. This year, more than at any time since the 1960s, there is genuine belief in a return of the good times.

Blewett's rapid onslaught drives home advantage

FROM SIMON WILDE IN KINGSTON, JAMAICA

AUSTRALIA remorselessly drove home their advantage on the third morning of the fourth and final Test match at Sabina Park here yesterday. Steve Waugh and Greg Blewett, the overnight batsmen, remained together until five minutes before lunch and extended their partnership from 17 to 113, of which Blewett, in his first important innings of the series, made an aggressive 69. By the interval, Australia had increased their lead to 156.

Steve Waugh, having spent more than four hours at the crease the previous day for 110, was content to hold up one end while his partner kept the score moving at a rate of almost four an over, punishing some loose bowling from Kenny Benjamin, in particular. Waugh added only 31 runs in the session and was 141 not out after six hours, 20 minutes of steely resistance. With each over, he is ensuring that Australia will be in an impregnable position.

West Indies's hopes of getting back into the game had depended on the use Ambrose and Walsh made of the second new ball, which Richardson had chosen not to take the previous evening, but, with almost nothing in the pitch for the fast bowlers, Blewett appeared to find the harder ball more to his liking and he was quickly into his stride. Ambrose retired into the deep after five innocuous overs and Richardson had soon reverted to posting only one slip.

Even Hooper could not stem the tide and Richardson's desperation was apparent when he turned to the left-arm slows of Arthurton, who had never taken a Test wicket in his life, shortly before lunch. Blewett's eyes lit up a moment too soon. He pulled Arthurton's second ball straight down the throat of wide mid-on. It was only West Indies's second success in 97 overs, material enough for Richardson to review his decision to bat first.

Richardson might equally have expected Walsh and Ambrose to make better use of the first new ball, on Sunday. Ambrose was surprisingly unfocused, rarely making the batsmen play, and Richardson called on him again for only three more overs — costing 26 runs — all day. There was at least an element of expediency in this, as the over-rate was so laggardly by tea, taken 20 minutes early because of rain, that 43 overs remained to be bowled. They were got through, largely through recourse to the off-spin of Hooper, who, as it happened, achieved the breakthrough that had been beyond his colleagues.

One of the most telling indicators of how the balance of power has shifted between these sides is that what may prove the decisive partnership of the game, the 231 runs added at a run-a-minute for Australia's fourth wicket on Sunday, was put together by two players whom the West Indians once rightly believed were unhappy with short-pitched bowling.

However, Mark and Steve Waugh have largely overcome their technical weaknesses against the bouncer and, now that West Indies are not so well placed to put these to the test, the two of them are setting about settling a few old scores. Steve's innings in this series — in which he has, admittedly, been dropped four times — have been 65, 15, 65 not out, 63 not out, 21 and 141 not out, and he has yet to be dismissed by Ambrose or Walsh.

Although the twins share the world fifth-wicket record partnership, they have rarely batted together for long in the 33 Test matches in which they have both appeared and before this match their only other century stand was the 153 they added at Edgbaston in 1993. Nor had they scored centuries in the same Test innings before. They are the first twins ever to do so and only the fourth set of brothers, after Ian and Greg Chappell, who did so twice for Australia, Mushtaq and Sadiq Mohammad, of Pakistan, and Grant and Andy Flower, of Zimbabwe.

A measure of West Indies's subservience was the lack of supporters they had in the crowd yesterday. After capacity crowds over the weekend, the ground was barely a quarter full, and the reggae music had given way to triumphalist Australian chanting.

SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIES: First Innings 265 (R B Richardson 100, B C Lara 65).

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

*M A Taylor c Adams b Walsh	8
M J Slater c Lara b Walsh	27
D C Boon c Browne b Ambrose	17
M E Waugh c Adams b Hooper	126
S R Waugh *not out*	141
G S Blewett c W Benjamin b Arthurton	69
†I A Healy not out	4
Extras (b 1, lb 5, nb 22, w 1)	29
Total (5 wkts)	421

P R Reiffel, B P Julian, S K Warne and G D McGrath to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-50, 3-73, 4-304, 5-417.

BOWLING: Ambrose 16-2-71-1; Walsh 23-5-73-2; K Benjamin 21-0-98-0; Winston Benjamin 18-3-61-0; Hooper 29-6-68-1; Adams 11-0-38-0; Arthurton 1-0-6-1.

Umpires: S Bucknor (Jamaica) and K Liebenberg (South Africa).

Third umpire: J Gayle (Jamaica).

Match referee: Majid Khan (Pakistan).

ANDY CLARK



Mark Waugh takes evasive action during his innings of 126 at Sabina Park

IN BRIEF

Douglas to step in for injured Prean

DESMOND DOUGLAS, two months short of his fortieth birthday, returns after a five-year absence to play for England against Belgium in the world table tennis championships in China today (Richard Eaton writes).

Douglas, the national champion 11 times, had been hoping to make only occasional appearances in Tianjin, but a training injury to Carl Prean means that he may have to play in most or all of England's matches.

Prean has said that he needs five days off because of tendinitis in a knee, but Denis Neale, the team captain, is reported to be considering sending the national champion home before the individual events next week if he does not take part in the team championship.

Chen Xinhua, the England No 1, was mobbed on his return to China on Saturday. At 35, has been talking of retiring and remaining in his country of origin when the championships end.

Hunt returns

Golf: Bernard Hunt, the former Ryder Cup captain, has been elected captain of the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA). A member of the PGA for 47 years, Hunt, 65, served as captain once in 1966 and succeeds Ross Whitehead for a two-year term.

John Barnett, the club professional at Royal St David's, Harlech, is the captain-elect, while Derek Nash and John Stirling have been given honorary life memberships.

Record attack

Cycling: Yvonne McGregor, the gold-medal winner, for England, on the track at the Commonwealth Games last year and British road time-trial champion, plans to attack the world one hour record of 47.112 kilometres that was set by Catherine Marsal, of France, at Bordeaux on Saturday.

The attempt is pencilled in for mid-June, in Bordeaux or Manchester. The Bradford rider has recently returned to racing after two road accidents which interrupted her winter training programme for three months.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

WORLD LEAGUE OF AMERICAN FOOTBALL: London Monarchs 24 Barcelona Dragons 39. Amsterdam Admirals 31 Scottish Claymores 0. Rhein Fire 21 Frankfurt Galaxy 20.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: St Louis 3 New York 0. Montreal 4 Chicago 2. Houston 3 Colorado 1. Atlanta 6 Los Angeles 3. San Diego 7 Cincinnati 6. Florida 10 San Francisco 3.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Chicago 17 Boston 11. California 5 Toronto 3. Milwaukee 4 Oakland 3. Baltimore 8 Minnesota 3. Kansas City 9 New York 3. Cleveland 7 Texas 6. Detroit 10 Seattle 1.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Manchester 73 (Robinson 28, St Kitts 20) Worthing 77 (Cunningham 19, Irish 19).

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: First-round (best of five matches): Eastern Conference: Boston 99 Orlando 92 (1-1). Charlotte 106 Chicago 89 (1-1). Western Conference: Phoenix 103 Portland 94 (Phoenix lead 2-0). San Antonio 122, Denver 96 (San Antonio lead 2-0).

BOWLS

WELLINBOROUGH: English Bowls Players Association championship: Singles: Semi-finals: W Richards (Cambridge Park) bt R Morgan (East Dorset) 7-2, 3-7, 7-2; P Butcher (Cyphers) bt P Brodenck (Wellingborough) 2-7, 7-2, 7-4. Final: Butcher bt Richards 7-5, 7-2.

CRICKET

Yorkshire v Lancashire

HEADINGLEY (final day of four): Yorkshire beat Lancashire by 219 runs

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 417 for 7 dec (D Byas 193, R J Blakey 77 not out, C White 72). Second Innings 288 for 6 dec (M G Bevan 108, M D Moxon 84, White 50)

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 271 (M A Atherton 129).

Second Innings

J E R Gallian c Blakey b Gough	36
M A Atherton b Gough	27
N J Speak lbw b Hartley	8
G D Lloyd c Stemp b Gough	0
S P Titchard lbw b Gough	6
*M Watkinson c Vaughan b Gough	13
I D Austin c and b Gough	5
†W K Hegg b Hartley	64
P J Martin c Robinson b Gough	4
G Yates not out	42
G Keedy c Byas b Hartley	0
Extras (b 1, lb 3, nb 6)	10
Total	216

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-67, 2-70, 3-70, 4-80, 5-94, 6-101, 7-108, 8-122, 9-215.

BOWLING: Gough 17-7-28-7. Hartley 16.4-2-74-3; Robinson 10-2-33-0; Stemp 12-3-44-0; White 7-0-32-0.

Umpires: J H Harris and G Sharp.

POSTWICK (one day): Norfolk 228-7 (S Goldsmith 95). MCC Young Cricketers 210 (A Evans 81). Norfolk won by 18 runs.

CLUB MATCHES: Lees Brewery Lancashire County League: Denton 219-5, Denton West 128-5; Glossop 135, Woodbank 136-1; Irlam 212, Sale Moor 163-9; Longsight 141-9, Thornham 145-3; Prestwich 183-5, Denton St Lawrence 184-2; Roe Green 152-9, Woodhouses 80. Vaux Ribblesdale League: Earby 140-8, Barnoldswick 95, Great Harwood 123-8, Burnley Belvedere 124-1; Padiham 191-8, Burnley GSOB 163; Ribblesdale Wanderers 185, Cherry Tree 139-8, Rolls Royce 212, Old Rossendalians 226-9; Salesbury 206-5, Clitheroe 112-7. Windsor Life Cheshire County League: Cheadle Hulme 193-5, Poynton 191-7 dec, Grappenhall 182-7, Bowdon 227-5, Heaton Mersey 181-8 dec, Widnes 146-7, Macclesfield 229-5 dec, Didsbury 180-6, Timperley 165-5, Alsager 162-9 dec; Toft 216, Warrington 218-4 dec. APS Two Counties League: Achilles 221-6, Sudbury 221, Colchester 219-3, Stowmarket 218-8; Dunmow 126 Maldon 208-9. Oxbridge Yorkshire League: Harrogate 219-6, Driffield 166-8, Scarborough 237-7, Hull 197-6; York 178-9, Cleethorpes 199-7, Doncaster 193-6, Yorks Acad 192-9; Sheff Coll 81-2, Barnsley 77; Sheff Utd 182-9, Castleford 177-9. Midland Combined Counties League: Aldridge 172-9, Highway 176-0; Droitwich 211-5, Marston Green 175; Walmley 99-6, Redditch 97. Derbyshire Building Society League: Wirksworth 162-2, Aston 160-9, Denby 194-5, Sawley 189-6; Quarndon 225-6, A&B 221-7; W Hallam 183-7, Heanor 161-9; Ockbrook 153, Ilkeston 154-8; Langley M 98, Stainsby 181-9. Central League: Bedworth 93 Hinckley 159, Blossomfield 88-2 Rugby 67; Burton 137-4 Lichfield 136; Leicester Ivanhoe 209-9, Lutterworth 230-7 dec; Loughborough 229-7 dec, Kenilworth Wardens 164-8; Nuneaton 93-9 Water Orton 140. William Younger North Lancashire League: Askam 241-5, Vickerstown 192-7. Carnforth 173-8, Workington 174-2; Dalton 159-8, Cleator 160-4; Furness 157, Millom 33-3; Haverigg 241-7, Lindal 76-0, Penrith 143-1, Ulverston 139, Vickers Sports 244-8, Barrow 94-3. Vaux Northern League: Blackpool 221-8, Preston 168-6, Chorley 180-2, Kendal 179-9; Darwen 153-3, Fleetwood 152; Leyland Dal 159, Lancaster 100; Morecambe 205-3, St Annes 204-6, Netherfield 189-6, Leyland 185-7. Bass North Wales League: Bethesda 165-7, Pontblyddyn 162-6; Llandudno 172-4, Bangor 171-8; Llay 159-8, Brymbo 214-4, Marchwiel 69-5. Connahs Quay 68, Mochdre 208-3, Gresford 174-5; Shotton 78 Halkyn 79-2.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: St Edmund's, Ware 80 (T Smith 5-37), Aldenham 78 (P Young 6-26); Forty Club 178-6 (M Denbigh 50). St Edmund's, Ware 157 (B Bollig 52)

CYCLING

BLACKSBURG, Virginia: Tour DuPont: Fourth stage (Lynchburg to Blacksburg, 226.92km): 1, L Armstrong (US) 6hr 13min 17sec. 2, A Peron (It) at 2min 10sec; 3, V Ekimov (Russ) at 2:37; 4, L Madouas (Fr) at 3.11; 5, S Yates (GB) 6, A Teteriok (Russ) same time; 40. M Elliott (GB) at 33.43. Overall positions: 1, Armstrong 17hr 56min 18sec; 2, Peron at 2min 09sec; 3, Ekimov at 2:45; 4, Yates at 3:57; 5, Madouas at 3 58; 6. Teteriok at 4 00. 31, Elliott at 34:02.

FOOTBALL

UEFA YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP: Group A: Italy 0 Poland 0; Czech Republic 4 Sweden 1. Group B: Austria 0 Belgium 0; France 4 Norway 0. Group C: Spain 3 Slovenia 1; Turkey 1 Germany 4. Group D: Slovakia 2 Scotland 1, England 3 Portugal 1. Quarter-final draw: England v France; Spain v Sweden, Belgium v Portugal; Czech Republic v Germany.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Eintracht Frankfurt 0 Werder Bremen 0.

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Lanus 1 Boca 1; Gimnasia La Plata 2 Huracan 1; River 0 Gimnasia de Jujuy 1; Ferro 0 Deportivo Español 2; Rosario Central 4 Talleres 0; Belgrano 2 Banfield 2; Independiente 2 Mandiyu 3, San Lorenzo 3 Newell's 0, Argentinos 1, Platense 1; Velez 1 Racing 1

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: São Paulo championship: Portuguesa 1 Juventus 0; São Paulo 1 XV de Piracicaba 0; Uniao São Joao 2 Palmeiras 1; Ferroviaria 2 Rio Branco 0, Bragantino 1 Ponte Preta 0; Guarani 3 Novorizontino 0; Aracatuba 2 America 1; Santos 3 Corinthians 1

GOLF

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida: LPGA Sprint championship: Final scores (US unless stated). 273: V Skinner 71, 65, 70, 67. 275: K Tschetter 68, 67, 72, 70. 278: M McGann 70, 65, 72, 69. 277: M Mallon 69, 69, 70, 69. D Mochrie 68, 72, 69, 70. 278: D Coe-Jones (Can) 67, 68, 75, 68; C Walker 66, 72, 70, 70; E Daniel 72, 67, 68, 71. 279: T Johnson (GB) 73, 70, 70, 66; K Robbins 68, 75, 70, 66. 280: S Steinhauer 73, 67, 71, 69, C Johnson 76, 66, 68, 70; J Pitcock 69, 71, 70, 70; A Sorenstam (Swe) 69, 70, 68, 73, A Ritzman 69, 69, 69, 73.

THE WOODLANDS, Texas: Houston Open: Final scores (US unless stated). 276: P Stewart 73, 65, 70, 68 (won at first extra hole), S Hoch 68, 64, 69, 75. 277: C Rymer 69, 69, 68, 71. 278: P Stankowski 71, 68, 71, 68, T Tyner 70, 69, 68, 71. 279: B Ogle (Aus) 68, 69, 71, 71; B Claar 73, 68, 67, 71. 280: V Singh (Fiji) 70, 70, 70, 70, J Wilson 71, 69, 68, 72; S Rintoul (Aus) 66, 70, 71, 73. 281: J Cook 67, 70, 69, 75. Other scores: 287: D Feherty (GB) 68, 74, 72, 73; C Parry (Aus) 70, 70, 69, 78. 289: G Waite (NZ) 68, 73, 70, 78.

LAS VEGAS: Las Vegas Senior classic: Final scores (US unless stated). 205: J Colbert 65, 71, 69. 207: J Dent 67, 70, 70; R Thompson 70, 65, 72, R Floyd 66, 70, 71. 208: T Weiskopf 72, 69, 67. Other scores: 210: G Marsh (Aus) 73, 64, 73. 211: B Charles (NZ) 67, 73, 71. 212: A Jacklin 72, 68, 72.

LOCH LOMOND: Men's International: Scotland v Sweden: Foursomes: Scotland 1 Sweden 2 (Scotland names first: S Gallacher and G Sherry lost to V Gustavsson and M Eliasson 1 hole, H McKibbin and D Downie bt M Erlandsson and J Selberg 4 and 3, G Rankin and B Howard lost to F Henge and D Olsson 2 and 1.

HOCKEY

HURTH, Germany: International tournament: South Africa 0 India 0; Germany 3 South Korea 1. Germany win tournament.

GENOA: European Junior Cup qualifying tournament: England 4 Portugal 0; Italy 4 Switzerland 1; Scotland 3 Gibraltar 0 *England lead tournament.*

WOMEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Group A: Yorkshire 0 Gloucestershire 0.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL: Holland 0 England 0 (at Vlissingen):

EUROPEAN WOMEN'S JUNIOR CUP QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT: Bratislava: England 5 Belorussia 0, Pozan: Holland 3 Italy 0; Ireland 12 Finland 0; Poland 0 Czech Republic 4.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): NY Rangers 2 Philadelphia 0; Boston 5 Pittsburgh 2; Chicago 4 Detroit 0; Washington 2 Florida 2; St Louis 4 San Jose 3; Los Angeles 2 Anaheim 1; New Jersey 4 Quebec 2; Vancouver 6 Calgary 4.

MOTOR RALLYING

WISCOMBE, Devon: RAC hill climb championship: Second round: 1, D Grace (Pilbeam) 34.80sec; 2, R Lane (Pilbeam) 34.91; 3, M Colton (Pilbeam) 35 14. Overall positions: equal 1, Lane and Grace 19pts, equal 3, Colton and A Priaulx 15.

JERSEY: Castrol spring festival rally: 1, D Barrette (Escort) 40min 17sec; 2, V Lees-Baker (Peugeot 205) 41:34; 3. S Hamon (Escort) 42:31.

SUSSEX: Middlesex 90th anniversary stage rally: 1, P Shelmerdine (Escort Cosworth) 43min 49sec; 2, M Sansom (Darrian T90) 45:25, 3, D Jacobs (Sierra Cosworth) 45:45.

WALES: Night owl rally: 1, R Lewis (Corolla) 18min 14sec; 2, D Evans (Peugeot 205) 22:47. 3, D Quinn (Escort) 22 49

REAL TENNIS

SEACOURT, Hayling Island: Oracle British women's open championships: Semi-finals: S Jones bt S Haswell 6-3, 6-3; P Lumley bt F Deuchard (Aus) 6-1, 6-1. Final: Lumley bt Jones 6-3, 6-3

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: Christchurch national league: Final: Hatfield bt Leamington 2-1 (Hatfield names first: M Gooding lost to M Devine 5-6, 5-6; A Phillips bt K Sheldon 6-5, 3-6, 6-2; A Lyons bt A Davis 6-4, 6-4).

RIFLE SHOOTING

BISLEY: Team matches: International 900 and 1,000 yards (12s): 1. Wales 1,122.85pts; 2, Scotland 1,120 105, 3, RAF 1,114.106. Long and short-range aggregates: 1, Wales 3141.310; 2, Scotland 3140.328, 3, RAF 3111.351. Teams of eight: 1, RAF 748.62; 2, Cambridge University 737.60

HAM AND PETERSHAM: British Universities small-bore championships: Teams of three: 1, London 1,581, 2, Oxford 1,549; 3, Edinburgh 1,547. Individual: Men: G Barnett (London) 593. Women: D Russell (Bath) 583. Teams of four: 1, British Universities 2,339; 2, GB Junior Squad 2,328.

SPEEDWAY

COVENTRY: World championship: British final: 1, A Smith (Coventry) 15pts; 2, J Screen (Bradford) 14; 3, D Barker (Eastbourne) 12; 4, G Havelock (Bradford) 11; 5, M Dugard (Eastbourne) 11, 6. C Louis (Ipswich) 9; 7. D Norris (Reading) 8; 8, M Dixon (Long Eaton) 8; 9, G Stead (Bradford) 6 (after run-off), 10, N Collins (Sheffield) 6 (reserve), 11, P Hurry (Arena Essex) 4, 12, D Walsh (Glasgow) 4.

SQUASH

CHINGFORD: Cannon's British satellite circuit: Final: J Russell bt B Ford 9-4, 9-6, 0-9, 9-6.

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: Euro-African zone: Group two: Egypt 4 Monaco 1, Finland 3 Ivory Coast 2.

YACHTING

BOC CHALLENGE: Solo round the world race: Overall: 1, Sceta Calberson (C Auguin, Fr) 121days 17hr 11min; 2, Hunter's Child (S Pettengill, US) 128:04 03; 3, Vendée Enterprises (J van den Heede, Fr) 129:17:59, 4, Coyote (D Scully, US) 133.00:56. Final stage (from Punta del Este to Charleston): 1, Sceta Calberson, 24:20:17; 2, Hunter's Child, 27:19:59; 3, Coyote 26:02:10; 4, Vendée Enterprise, 28:02.54. Other positions (at 08.00 GMT yesterday with miles to Charleston, US): Class 1: 5, Novell South Africa (JJ Provoyeur, SA) 180, 6, Thursday's Child (A Taylor, US) 1,355. Class 2: Overall: 1, True Blue (D Adams, Aus) 131:05:06. Final stage: 1, True Blue 29:00.55. Other positions yesterday: 2, Kodak (G Soldini, It) 360; 3, Newcastle Australia (A Nebauer, Aus) 1,336, 4, Jimroda II (N Vaughan, GB) 1,361; 5, Cornwall (R Davie, GB) 1,851, 6, Shuten-Dohji II (M Saito, Japan) 3,200.

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4 Ipswich v Coventry 2
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8 QPR v Tottenham 2

Not on coupons: A Villa v Liverpool; Blackburn v Newcastle (Monday); Man United v Sheff Wed (Sunday)

FIRST DIVISION

Not on coupons: Sheffield Utd v Grimsby (all other matches on Sunday)

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9 Blackpool v Hull X
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30 Bromsg'v v Kettering X
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38 Stalybridge v Bath X
39 Welling v Altrincham X
40 Yeovil v Northwich 2

SCOTTISH PREMIER

41 Aberdeen v Dundee U 1
42 Hibernian v Hearts 1
43 Moth'well v Kilmarn'k 1
44 Partick v Falkirk 2

Not on coupons: Celtic v Rangers (Sunday)

SCOTTISH FIRST

45 Airdrie v Hamilton 1
46 Ayr v Stranraer 1
47 Clydeb'k v St Mirren X
48 Dundee v St Johnst'n 1
49 Raith v Dunf'mline 1

SCOTTISH SECOND

50 Brechin v E Fife 2
51 Morton v Dumbarton 1
52 Q of South v Berwick X
53 Stirling v Clyde 1

Not on coupons: Meadowbank v Stenhousemuir (Friday)

SCOTTISH THIRD

54 Albion v Queen's Pk X
55 Caledonian v Ross 2
56 Cowd'nb'th v Mont'se 2
57 E Stirling v Alloa X
58 Forfar v Arbroath 1

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Blackpool, Fulham, Wigan, Bromsgrove, Dagenham, Southport, Stalybridge, Welling, Clydebank, Q of South, Albion, E Stirling. Bury, Carlisle, Chesterfield, Northampton, Torquay, Macclesfield, Hibernian, Ayr, Stirling.

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YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Pontefract

Going: firm

2.45 (5f) 1, L'AMI LOUIS (L Dettori, 1-3 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Tadeo (R Hughes, 8-1); 3, Pekay (G Carter, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Primo Lad (6th), 33 Theatre Magic (4th), 100 Prime Connections (5th). 6 ran. NR: Creative Account. 1l, hd, 13l, 7l, dist. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £1.30; £1 10, £2.00. DF: £2.20. CSF: £3.31.

3.15 (1m 4f 8yd) 1, RISKY ROSE (L Dettori, 7-2); 2, High Flown (M Birch, 9-1); 3, Nivasha (K Fallon, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Africannightingale (4th), 7-2 Emnala (5th), 10 He's Special, 16 Bitter N Twisted (6th), 33 Sergio. 8 ran. NR: Boundless, Premazing. 1½l, 1l, 1¼l, 3l, 3l. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. Tote £4.00; £1 30, £2.10, £1 40. DF: £13.70 Trio: £35.20. CSF: £30.83. Bought in for 4,400gns.

3.45 (6f) 1, CASTLEREA LAD (L Dettori, 11-2); 2, Chiming In (K Fallon, 5-1 fav); 3, Jato (G Hind, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Blue Grit, Sobering Thoughts (6th), 13-2 Bella Parkes, 10 Love Legend, 12 Two Moves In Front (5th), 14 King Rat, 20 Benzoe, 25 General Gubbins (4th), 33 Cale Solo, Tutu Sixtysix. 13 ran. Hd, nk, 1l, 1½l, hd. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. Tote: £7.20, £2.20, £1.70, £3.10. DF: £19.50. Trio: £97.60. CSF: £31.38. Tricast £223.05.

4.15 (1m 4yd) 1, SHINEROLLA (K Fallon, 9-4 fav); 2, Concer Un (G Hind, 7-1); 3, Wentbridge Lad (L Dettori, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Three Arch Bridge, 15-2 Aljawab (4th), 8 Johnnie The Joker (6th), 10 Durham Drapes, 16 Desert Zone (5th), Saint Amigo, 20 Shared Risk, 33 Awesome Venture, Dalcross, Gant Bleu, Steadfast Elite, Zanzara, 50 Bee Dee Best, Nobby Barnes, Sweetlittlemystery, 100 Dolly Dolittle, Reed My Lips. 20 ran. 1¼l, 2½l, 1¼l, 3½l, nk. Mrs J Ramsden at Thirsk. Tote: £3.80; £1.80, £3.10, £2.70. DF: £23.60. Trio. £42.20. CSF: £20.26.

4.45 (2m 5f 122yd) 1, ELBURG (K Fallon, 7-1); 2, Brandon Prince (L Dettori, 10-1); 3, Kadiri (G Hind, 11-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Grace Card (4th), 9 Master Of Troy, 10 Arc Bright, Milngavie, 16 Murphys Way (6th), 20 Wings Of Freedom, 25 Eighteendahalf, 33 Cristal Springs (5th), One For The Chief, 100 Jalore, 200 Mandalay Prince. 14 ran. NR: Fox Chapel. 2½l, ½l, 4l, 1¾l, 20l. R Hoad at Lewes. Tote: £9.10; £2.50, £2.70, £1.70. DF: £30.40. Trio: £62.40. CSF: £65.85. Tricast: £215.81.

5.15 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, HAZARD A GUESS (K Fallon, 13-2); 2, Zaralaska (C Hodgson, 3-1); 3, Benjamins Law (Dean McKeown, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Obelos, 8 Hillzah, 12 Access Carnival (6th), Atherton Green, The Lone Dancer, 14 Floating Line (5th), 25 Diamond Crown, Spanish Stripper, 33 Golden Star, Lochore, 50 Braille (4th). 14 ran. 1l, 2½l, 1l, sh hd, ½l. Mrs J Ramsden at Thirsk. Tote: £7.10; £2.40, £1.70, £9.60. DF: £17.10. Trio: not won (pool of £829.04 carried forward to Nottingham today). CSF: £28.19. Tricast: £575.54.

Jackpot: £18,212.00 (0.3 winning tickets. Pool of £15,983.72 carried forward to Nottingham today).

Placepot: £31.80. Quadpot: £49.20.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.30 (6f) 1, SWEET MATE (C Teague, 6-1); 2, Aston Manor (K Darley, 7-4 fav); 3, Charnwood Queen (R Price, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Karna Simba (4th), Prince Rudolf, 13-2 Most Uppitty (5th), 14 Shartel, 20 Benten, 33 Tish (6th). 9 ran. 2½l, ¾l, 3l, 5l, nk. S Bowring at Mansfield. Tote: £8.00; £2.00, £1.40, £1.60. DF: £8.60. Trio: £22.30. CSF: £16.90. Tricast: £62.27.

3.00 (1m 4f) 1, PALACEGATE JO (T Ives, 3-1); 2, El Nido (L Charnock, 7-2), 3, Red Indian (Dean McKeown, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Dakota Brave, 7 Killing Time (5th), 12 Sagasan (4th), 25 Kristis Girl (6th), 33 Moled Again. 8 ran. 1¾l, 15l, ½l, 3½l, 15l. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. Tote: £4.00; £1 10, £1.30, £1.30. DF: £5.70. CSF: £13 12.

3.30 (1m) 1, QUANGO (T Ives, 2-1 fav); 2, Komiamaite (C Teague, 11-2); 3, Top Fella (Emma O'Gorman, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 5 Claireswan (4th), 14 Donna Fugata (6th), 16 Daniel's Lass, Halfabob (5th). 7 ran. 3l, 2l, 6l, 25l, 11l. Jimmy Fitzgerald at Malton. Tote: £2.60; £1.90, £2.50. DF: £7.10. CSF: £12.57.

4.00 (1m) 1, MAJOR MOUSE (Dale Gibson, 10-1); 2, A Million Watts (T Ives, 11-2); 3, Crucis (S Sanders, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Queens Consul, 5 Indian Serenade, South Forest, 13-2 Duello (5th), 12 Mary's Case, 16 Flashfeet (4th), 20 Welley Lad, 25 Mohican Brave, Scottish Park (6th). 12 ran. ½l, 1¾l, 5l, 3½l, ½l. W Haigh at Malton. Tote. £22.20; £4 90, £4.10, £2 10. DF: £36.40. Trio £449.30. (part won; pool of £265.82 carried forward to 2.45 at Nottingham today) CSF: £66.71. Tricast £727.09.

4.30 (5f) 1, MOI CANARD (J Carroll, 4-7 fav); 2, Donington Park (P McCabe, 7-2); 3, Royal Rigger (J Fanning, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Baileys Bride (4th). 4 ran. 5l, 5l, hd. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £1.40. DF £2.20. CSF: £3.07. Bought in for 3,200gns

5.00 (7f) 1, CLOETTE (Emma O'Gorman, 7-4 fav); 2, Sand Star (A Mackay, 10-1), 3, Nuthatch (C Adamson, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Woodrising, 11-2 Prudent Pet (5th), 8 Dowdency (6th), Jobber's Fiddle, Joyful Times (4th), 25 Longcroft. 9 ran. 1¼l, 5l, 2½l, nk, 2½l. W O'Gorman at Newmarket. Tote: £2 00; £1 50, £3 50, £3.10. DF: £14.40. Trio: £56.80. CSF: £19.79. Tricast: £183 88.

Placepot: £306.10. Quadpot: not won (pool of £41.80 carried forward to Nottingham today).

Windsor

Going: good

5.30 (1m 67yd) 1, Amdlity (T Quinn, 13-2); 2, Roseate Lodge (4-1); 3, Cyrano's Lad (10-1). Gulf Shaadi 13-8 fav. 18 ran. NR: Pop To Stans. 2½l, 2l, 8 Meehan. Tote: £7 40; £2 30, £1.70, £3.00. DF: £12.60. Trio. £148 30 (part won; pool of £104.47 carried forward to today). CSF: £36.64.

Hexham

Going: good to soft, good in places

5.45 (3m hdle) 1, Father O'Brien (A P McCoy, 8-11 fav); 2, New Charges (20-1); 3, Stormy Coral (5-2). 13 ran. NR: Miss Hunter. 8l, 3½l. J Edwards. Tote. £1.50; £1 10, £5.60, £1.20. DF: £20.70. Trio: £11.50. CSF: £17.06

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Celtic Swing comes face to face with great names of past generations in classic encounter



Tudor Minstrel (No 8) holds on to beat Brigadier Gerard (2), El Gran Senor (5), Nijinsky (6), Dancing Brave (4), Sir Ivor (7), Celtic Swing (3) and Bolkonski. Nonoalco and Zafonic are further back

Sustained speed proves secret of success in Race of Legends

Richard Evans describes the build-up to the big race and **Peter O'Sullevan** provides the commentary

How good is the new "wonder horse", Celtic Swing? Does he deserve a place among the great names of Flat racing? When he runs in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket on Saturday, we may get a clue. But supposing we could race him against the giants of the past, how would he show? Time may not allow direct comparisons but imagination has no such limits so here is the race that everyone would like to see.

A field of ten, made up of the the best postwar 2,000 Guineas winners and the much-vaunted but so far untested Celtic Swing, are entering the stalls at Newmarket. The runners have been selected by *Timeform*, the internationally-respected racing analysts, and range from Tudor Minstrel, who won in 1947, to Celtic Swing, who is odds-on to win the colts' classic on Saturday.

The official going on the Rowley Mile is good and, with the runners now in the stalls, there is just time to take a quick betting show from Mike Dillon, of Ladbrokes. They bet: 7-2 Tudor Minstrel, 4-1 El Gran Senor, 9-2 Sir Ivor, 6-1 Brigadier Gerard and Nijinsky, 8-1 Zafonic, 10-1 Dancing Brave, 14-1 Celtic Swing, 16-1 Bolkonski, 25-1 Nonoalco.

They're off! And as the field settles down, Tudor Minstrel moves swiftly into the lead and is still in front as they pass halfway, with his illustrious rivals jockeying for position to deliver their challenges. Now it is over to Peter O'Sullevan, the distinguished racing commentator, for the closing stages of the race . . .

"At the top of the hill, with two furlongs to run, it's still Tudor Minstrel blazing the trail with Gordon Richards sitting motionless. He has a four-length lead but as they race down into the Dip, the pack are beginning to close.

"Brigadier Gerard, Celtic Swing and Dancing Brave are all coming there on the far side with Nijinsky making smooth progress in the centre. And here comes El Gran Senor under Pat Eddery on the stands side. But as they hit the rising ground, it is still Tudor Minstrel in front in the centre with Brigadier Gerard and Joe Mercer beginning to cut down his advantage.

"Celtic Swing weakens; El Gran Senor is getting the better of Nijinsky. Dancing Brave closes and Sir Ivor comes into contention but with 100 yards to run Tudor Minstrel is going to defend successfully his unbeaten record. Brigadier Gerard stays on gamely to thwart El Gran Senor with Nijinsky half a length away in fourth and the same margin appears to separate Dancing Brave from Sir Ivor, followed by Celtic Swing, Bolkonski, Nonoalco and, amazingly, Zafonic last in an unforgettable race.

"So, to recap the result. First, Tudor Minstrel, owned by Mr J. A. Dewar, trained by Fred Darling and ridden by Gordon Richards. Second, Brigadier Gerard, owned by Mrs John Hislop, trained by Dick Hern and ridden by Joe Mercer. Third, El Gran Senor, owned by Robert Sangster, trained by Vincent O'Brien and ridden by Pat Eddery. Nijinsky finished fourth. The starting prices were 7-2 favourite, 6-1 and 4-1. The distances were one and a half lengths, and two and a half lengths."

As Tudor Minstrel returns to the winners' enclosure, there appear to be no hard-luck stories. The result, while not a definitive *Timeform* statement of the merits of horses on Guineas day, is hard to challenge, given the good ground. Had the going been fast, Zafonic would have undoubtedly finished closer.

Most important of all, had the ground been on the soft side of good, Celtic Swing would have probably reached the frame. A reproduction of his record-breaking run in the Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster last year, achieved on soft going, would be about 10lb, or five lengths, better than his Ascot and Newbury form — and would have seen him edge out El Gran Senor for third place.

So, who knows, if the heavens open above Newmarket this week and Celtic Swing runs the race of his life, he could become a champion of champions. Whatever the going, his chances of 2,000 Guineas glory look exceptional, according to *Timeform*.

"All things considered, the Guineas looks his for the taking, and, furthermore, when asked to race beyond a mile, we believe his turn of foot allied to his undoubted stamina will prove absolutely devastating," Timeform says.

This Saturday you do not have to rely on imagination or fantasy for the outcome of one of the best classic races for years. At Newmarket you could see a legend in his own lifetime. Be there.

BIG RACE RESULT

Going: good
RACE OF LEGENDS (Newmarket: 1m)
TUDOR MINSTREL br c Owen Tudor - Sansonnet (J A Dewar) G Richards (7-2 fav) 1.
Brigadier Gerard b c Queen's Hussar - La Paiva (Mrs J Hislop) J Mercer (6-1) 2.
El Gran Senor b c Northern Dancer - Sex Appeal (R Sangster) Pat Eddery (4-1) 3.
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Sir Ivor (6th), 6 Nijinsky (4th), 8 Zafonic (last), 10 Dancing Brave (5th), 14 Celtic Swing (7th), 16 Bolkonski (8th), 25 Nonoalco (9th). 1½l, 2½l, ½l, ½l, ½l, ½l, nk, hd, sh hd. F Darling.

☐ The finishing order was determined by the individual performance or rating achieved by each horse when winning the 2,000 Guineas. The rating is decided by comparing the winner and his margin of superiority over other runners in each race. The two exceptions are Tudor Minstrel, whose rating is based on, and equivalent to, an exceptional time performance; and Celtic Swing, who is credited with reproducing the form he showed when winning on good or faster ground at Ascot last year and Newbury last month.



Tudor Minstrel, the 2,000 Guineas winner of 1947, with Gordon Richards. The colt was trained at Beckhampton by Fred Darling

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

There are players who "cheat" over a Blackwood 4 NT if they feel that they have overbid their hand previously. It is a habit to be avoided — even if it leads to the correct result on the hand being played, the long-term damage to partnership understanding is too severe. However, you can often exercise judgement when replying to higher asking bids, as I should have done here:

Dealer North **East-West game** **Match-pointed pairs**

North: ♠AQ84 ♥A64 ♦A9632 ♣K
West: ♠95 ♥52 ♦KJ87 ♣75432
East: ♠KJ7632 ♥J9 ♦— ♣Q10986
South: ♠10 ♥KQ10873 ♦Q1054 ♣AJ

W	N	E	S
	Sheehan		Rubin
—	1♦	1♠	2♥
Pass	2♠ (1)	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣ (1)
Pass	4♦ (1)	Pass	4 NT (2)
Pass	5♣ (3)	Pass	5 NT (4)
Pass	6♦ (5)	Pass	6♠ (6)
Pass	6 NT (7)	All Pass	

(1) Cue bids. (2) Roman Key card Blackwood. (3) None or three of the five "aces". (4) Grand slam try asking for kings. As he could have asked me whether I had the queen of trumps, his failure to do so announced that he had it.

(5) This was the poorly-judged bid. The king of clubs is obvious waste paper and it was much better for me to tell a lie and bid Six Clubs. (6) Asking me to choose a grand slam. Rubin was catering for me holding:

♠AJx ♥Axx ♦AKJx ♣10xx

If that were my hand, Seven Diamonds would have been the correct spot — the thirteenth trick is a spade ruff in the North hand. (7) I belatedly realised the folly of my Six Diamonds bid. In fact, 6 NT is the top match-point spot on the hand, if it is played by North. Played by South, it had no chance on the spade lead.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge every day in *The Times*.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

MENDACILOQUENT
a. Boastful
b. Telling porkies
c. Eloquent

VALETUDINARIAN
a. A farewell oration
b. An invalid
c. A legionary officer

DECOCTION
a. Soup
b. Discovery, uncovering
c. An ingenious lie

MARCHPANE
a. A Spring window
b. Marzipan
c. Sore feet

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
chess correspondent

Anand's revenge

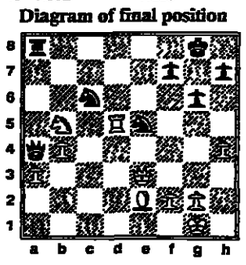
In the Moscow speed tournament, Viswanathan Anand, the Indian Grandmaster, gained revenge over Garry Kasparov for his quick defeat in the Riga international earlier this month. Anand overwhelmed the PCA world champion in 28 moves.

White: Viswanathan Anand
Black: Garry Kasparov
Moscow, April 1995

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Qxd4	Bd7
5	c4	Nc6
6	Qd2	g6
7	Be2	Bg7
8	0-0	Nf6
9	Nc3	0-0
10	Rb1	a6
11	b3	Qa5
12	Bb2	Rfc8
13	Rfd1	Bg4
14	Qe3	Nd7
15	Nd5	Bxb2
16	Rxb2	Bxf3
17	Bxf3	e6
18	Nc3	Rd8
19	Rbd2	Nde5

Diagram of final position



20	Be2	Nb4
21	h4	b5
22	cxb5	axb5
23	Nxb5	Nbc6
24	a3	d5
25	exd5	Rxd5
26	Rxd5	exd5
27	b4	Qa4
28	Rxd5	Black resigns

In the final in Moscow, Anand lost by 1½-½ to Vassily Ivanchuk, the Ukranian Grandmaster.

Karpov ahead

Karpov has assumed the lead in the Seville tournament with 4½ points out of 6, thanks to the following amazingly quick demolition of a leading rival. Michael Adams, of Great Britain, is in second place with 4 points.

White: Alexei Shirov
Black: Anatoly Karpov
Seville, April 1995

Centre Game

1	e4	e5
2	d4	exd4
3	Qxd4	Nc6
4	Qe3	Nf6
5	Nc3	Bb4
6	Bd2	0-0
7	0-0-0	Re8
8	Qg3	d6
9	f3	Ne5
10	h4	Kh8
11	Nh3	Nh5
12	Qh2	c6
13	a3	Ba5
14	Be2	Bxh3
15	Qxh3	Bxc3
16	bxc3	Nf6
17	c4	Qb6
18	f4	Ned7
19	Bd3	Nc5
20	e5	Na4
21	Bb4	dxe5
22	c5	Qc7
23	Bc4	a5

White resigns

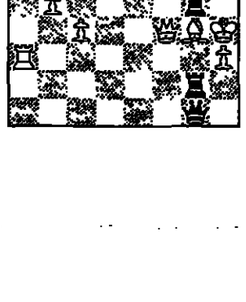
☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess every day in the sports pages of The Times.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Georgadze — Kundschi, Soviet Union, 1973. In this unusual position, both kings have been driven up the board. It is Black's move and he forced a win with a clever tactical sequence. Can you see how?

Solution: page 46



S Africans visit for opening of West Stand

By David Hands
rugby correspondent

SOUTH Africa will play England on November 18 in the match that will mark the official opening of the new West Stand at Twickenham. It will also signal the completion of the £70 million rebuilding programme at the Rugby Football Union's headquarters, which began five years ago.

Although the invitation was extended only yesterday, the South African Rugby Football Union has already expressed its willingness to accept. It will be the first of two pre-Christmas internationals that England will play next season; the second will be against Western Samoa on December 16. The capacity next season will be 75,000, as opposed to the 60,000 that are expected to attend the Pilkington Cup final on Saturday between Bath and Wasps.

Troy Coker, the former Harlequins lock, has been restored to the Australia side to play Argentina in Sydney on Saturday. Coker, who played in both previous World Cups, is therefore odds-on to be named in the World Cup party that will be announced today. South Africa's includes four uncapped players, including Gary Pagel and Robbie Brink, surprise selections from Western Province.

SOUTH AFRICA SQUAD: Backs: A Joubert, G Johnson, J Small, C Williams, J Mulder, C Scholtz, B Venter, H le Roux, J Stransky, J Roux, J van der Westhuizen. Forwards: M Hunter, G Pagel, P du Randt, S Swart, J Dalton, C Rossouw, M Andrews, K Otto, H Strydom, J Wiese, R Brink, R Kruger, F Pienaar (captain), A Richter, A Strauss.

ENGLAND UNDER-21 (v Italy under-21, Viadana, May 13) J Ufton (Wasps); S Jones (West Hartlepool), J Shepherd (Morley), M Denney (Bristol), E Anderson (Moseley); S Binns (Leicester), M Chudleigh (Bristol), M Volland (Northampton), N McCarthy (Bath), W Green (Wasps), G Seely (Northampton), J Stow (Morley), S Hart (Leicester), A Pountney (Northampton), P Scrivener (Wasps, captain). Replacements: A Blyth (Tynedale), S Howard (Blackheath), S Benton (Morley), P Shadbolt (Blackheath), S Kneale (West Hartlepool), N Webber (Moseley), R Poll (Moseley).

Hendry's dominance leaves rivals in awe

By Phil Yates

TWELVE months ago, people were marvelling at how Stephen Hendry, broken arm and all, had won the Embassy world snooker championship for a third year in succession. On Sunday, at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, Hendry made it four in a row and five championship triumphs in six years by beating Nigel Bond 18-9. In the process, the Scot left his fellow players in awe.

Ray Reardon, who also won the championship for four consecutive years, between 1973 and 1976, believes that Hendry will at least equal the modern era record of six world titles which Reardon holds jointly with Steve Davis. "Stephen is fantastic; he climbs on every weakness he sees from his opponent and he cues so well, even under pressure," Reardon said.

Dennis Taylor, the champion in 1985, has long insisted that Hendry, rather than Davis, is the greatest player "ever to pick up a cue". Joe Johnson, who won the event in 1986, described Hendry's overall performance this year as "phenomenal".

Hendry collected a total of £353,000, which consisted of the £190,000 first prize, £147,000 for his maximum break against Jimmy White in the semi-finals and £16,000 for the highest break of the tournament. If that were not remuneration enough, Hendry yesterday received the keys to a new Ferrari from his main sponsor, Sweater Shop.

Throughout the season, and particularly since January, when he ended a mid-winter purple patch by winning the inaugural Liverpool/Victoria charity challenge, Hendry has admitted that motivation for some competitions is becoming increasingly hard to generate.

Unfortunately for his challengers, that is not yet a problem at the Crucible. "Every time I come here, I raise my level of concentration," he said. "I'm so psyched up and focused. Someone will have to play unbelievable snooker to beat me."

After a comfortable victory in the final, it was surprising to some that Hendry appeared more drained than after his nail-biting 18-17 win over Jimmy White in the climax to the championship last year.

The underlying reason for Hendry's mental fatigue lay in his route to the final. Although he dismissed Stefan Mazrocis (10-3) and Tony Drago (13-6) with the minimum of fuss, the defending champion was required to play at his peak in order to eliminate Ronnie O'Sullivan and White in the next two rounds.



Hendry: satisfied

For many, a memorable championship was spoilt by Hendry's meeting with O'Sullivan in the quarter-finals. O'Sullivan may be only 19, but he has already won the United Kingdom championship, the British Open and is the Benson and Hedges Masters champion.

Like most sportsmen in his position of undisputed dominance, Hendry is usually reluctant to comment on the relative merits of other players, but, on a number of occasions recently, he has volunteered the view that O'Sullivan could become his biggest headache.

Along with John Higgins, successful in three world ranking events during the 1994-95 campaign, Hendry and O'Sullivan have produced the outstanding displays of the season, yet, because the ranking system is based on points accrued over two years, this form is not reflected accurately.

Thus Hendry and O'Sullivan, the official world No 9, met in the quarter-finals. Now that the rankings have undergone their annual revision, O'Sullivan has improved to third and he and Hendry will be in opposite halves of the draw at the Crucible in 1996.

As the 16 leading players are excused qualifying, which will begin for 1996 at Blackpool this September, it is clearly impossible for the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, the game's governing body, to formulate tennis-style seedings.

However, it would be possible to seed the top 16 according to ranking points earned during the season in question, though with the British Open, which would be the final counting event, reaching its conclusion only a week or so before the start of the championship, this would create difficulties with printing programmes and advance ticket sales would suffer.

Whatever the format, Hendry, who has also won the Top Rank Classic, the United Kingdom championship and the European Open this season, is not complaining. "A lot of players have come through strongly of late, but I am still sitting here as world No 1 and world champion," he said. "That's a satisfying feeling."

FINAL REBUILT: S Hendry (Scot) bt N Bond (Eng) 18-9. Frame scores (Hendry first): 68-20, 42-67, 29-74, 0-81, 72-6, 4-76, 105-0, 77-7, 1-85, 85-32, 90-1, 70-31, 74-13, 124-1, 70-25, 84-0, 75-6, 115-9, 74-41, 14-83, 59-73, 44-63, 78-19, 83-0, 92-36, 0-135, 103-28.

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Sri Pekan misses Guineas showdown

By Julian Muscat



TONY EDENDEN

A pulled muscle has prevented Sri Pekan, nearside, from taking his chance in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket on Saturday

SRI PEKAN yesterday failed to recover from a pulled muscle and is out of the Madagans 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket on Saturday.

The colt's defection is a bitter blow to his trainer, Paul Cole, who expected Sri Pekan to take all the beating on the one-mile classic. "On the basis of what he'd been doing in his homework, you'd have to say he had a great chance. He was really coming together," the disappointed trainer said.

Initially, Cole hoped Sri Pekan, who damaged a muscle while at exercise on Friday, would pull through the setback and take his chance. But the son of Red Ransom was not at his best when ushered to the gallops at Whatcombe yesterday morning.

"He was sound at the trot but every now and then he looked uncomfortable for the odd stride," said Cole, who also ruled Sri Pekan out of the French equivalent a week on Sunday. "I didn't want to risk him. There is plenty of time for him to catch up later in the season."

Sri Pekan's defection from the Newmarket classic has placed Cole at an awkward cross-road. Had the horse contested the race, he would have indicated, in part, whether the 12 furlongs of the Derby was within his scope. To date, Sri Pekan has never raced beyond seven furlongs.

"Now I don't know whether to run him in a Derby trial or supplement him for the Irish 2,000 Guineas," Cole explained. "It's not easy to tell with Sri Prekan, but he may find 12 furlongs beyond him. We don't want to get caught out."

Despite Sri Pekan's absence, Cole is unlikely to be represented at Newmarket. Stablemates Green Perfume and Montjoy were among 13 colts to stand their ground at the five-day declaration stage yesterday. But the trainer said: "My inclination is that Green Perfume should go to France and Montjoy to Germany. Either way, I won't finalise plans until both horses have worked on Wednesday and I have spoken to the respective owners."

Bookmakers reacted by simply withdrawing Sri Pekan from their lists, leaving the odds of the main protagonists unchanged. William Hills bet 11-8 on Celtic Swing, 4-1 Pennekamp, 9-2 Diffident and 16-1 Bahri, although the same firm reported each-way backing for Zeb at 150-1. Now priced at 66-1, Zeb's supporters clearly believe he can reach a place.

On the 1,000 Guineas front, Jural, as expected, was absent from the 19 declared for the fillies' classic on Sunday. Jural, who chased home Aqaarid at Ascot in September, failed to shine in a key gallop at Middleham yesterday.

Mark Johnston's string has been struck by an outbreak of coughing, and said of Jural: "I'm very disappointed but at least I was in no doubt after her work. Some of the horses are starting to come through it a bit but obviously not Jural. She is clearly not right; she was quite distressed at the end of her gallop."

More encouraging 1,000 Guineas developments centred around Brett Doyle, who will have his first ride in a British classic aboard Autumn Affair. Trained by Clive Brittain, Autumn Affair finished third behind Aqaarid in the Fred Darling Stakes earlier this month. Hills have promoted Aqaarid to dispute 1,000 Guineas favouritism with Harayir at 7-2.

The executive at Goodwood racecourse announced prize-money levels approaching £1.9 million for the 1995 season, although the Sussex Stakes, showpiece to the "Glorious Goodwood" fixture in July, has again failed to attract a sponsor. However, funds from commercial sponsorship have risen six per cent on 1994 levels.

In addition to the prestigious July fixture, Goodwood is to stage its first Sunday meeting on August 27, the concluding afternoon of the newly instituted August Festival over three days.

Progressive Linton Rocks to peg back Alqairawaan

ASCOT

BBC2

5.30: Frozen Drop, who loves fast ground, ran particularly well at Chepstow last week after a four-month absence. He goes well on right-handed tracks and is well weighted, although he is not the most reliable of runners. Docs Dilemma would have claims on his second to Irish Stamp here a month ago but ran badly at Stratford recently.

Ben de Haan's lightly raced Ascot Lad has a touch of class but may prefer some give in the ground. I just prefer **Cregg Boreen**, who drew clear when winning at Newton Abbot six days ago and still looks reasonably handicapped.

6.00: First-time blinkers helped Forest Feather bounce back to form at Chepstow recently on favoured fast ground but this looks to be between the pair immediately above him in the weights.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

The front-running Alqairawaan, unbeaten in his last four starts, comfortably disposed of moderate opposition here four weeks ago but may find **Linton Rocks** harder to handle. The Tim Thomson Jones-trained hurdler has improved with every run this season and put up his best performance when finishing fourth behind Morgans Harbour in a competitive event at Aintree.

The John Jenkins hope, Top Spin, goes well here but looks to have plenty of weight on ground which could prove too lively.

6.30: **Kibreet**, a course and distance winner earlier this season, has moved to Philip Hobbs's yard. He has not run for ten weeks but goes well fresh and his front-running tactics can pay off here. He jumps soundly and has run well enough on fast ground.

Big Matt, trained by Nick Henderson, did not appear inconvenienced by a faster surface when a good third to Seven Of Diamonds and Gale Again here a month ago and the return to a shorter trip should suit.

Nap: MISTER RAIDER (2.30 Bath)

Next best: Crystal Magic (4.00 Bath)

RICHARD EVANS

ASCOT

THUNDERER

5.30 Trader Tye
6.00 Alqairawaan
6.30 Kibreet
7.05 Call My Guest
7.35 Watermead
8.10 Suivez

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 7.05 **CALL MY GUEST.**

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 .... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS

5.30 ROYAL FERN NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (BBC2)
(£7,295: 3m 110yd) (16 runners)

1 013 DARREN THE BRAVE 10 (D,S) (D Allport) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 7-11-10 ... C Llewellyn 82
2 4/2P-12P FAIR CROSSING 45 (B,S) (Mrs S Weatherby) C Egerton 9-11-6 ... D Gallagher 87
3 01316F THE BOILER WHITE 14 (F,S) (D Wilson) T Thomson Jones 7-11-0 ... M A Fitzgerald 92
4 1P2342 FROZEN DROP 8 (F) (J Collins) P Ritchens 8-10-9 ... A Tory 98
5 /1/4PP2 FRIENDLY LADY 36 (F,G,S) (J Cann) J Cann 11-10-9 ... Miss J Cumings 80
6 222106 KEMYS COMMANDER 13 (F,G,S) (G Wiltshire) Mrs N Macauley 10-10-5 ... W Marston 86
7 F12F23 RAINBOW CASTLE 8 (G) (Foxdon Cricket Racing Club) J Gifford 8-10-6 ... P Hide 89
8 3U332U DOCS DILEMMA 10 (F) (Scott Hardy Partners) K Bailey 6-10-5 ... N Williamson 86
9 3-54533 CROPREDY LAD 20 (F) (R Hall) J Webber 8-10-5 ... R Bellamy 86
10 D62 SAUNDERS COURT 15 (Irish Festival Racing) F Murphy 6-10-5 ... B Powell 87
11 0/21401 CREGG BOREEN 6 (D,B,S) (R Hamilton) P Hobbs 8-10-5 (4ex) ... C Maude 97
12 2/F3/2 ASCOT LAD 53 (F,G) (J Berry) B De Haan 10-10-3 ... S McNeill 86
13 PP512U TRADER TYE 15 (D,S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 7-10-3 ... D Bridgwater 95
14 PF42 GENERAL RUSTY 42 (G) (M H Watt) C Mann 7-10-2 ... R Dunwoody 91
15 13P51P ROMANY CREEK 48 (V,G,S) (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 6-10-0 ... A P McCoy 99
16 654242 CREWS CASTLE 10 (F,G) (Mrs T McCoubrey) J Jenkins 8-10-0 ... J R Kavanagh 81

Long handicap: Romany Creek 9-10, Crews Castle 9-8.

BETTING: 7-2 Cregg Boreen, 9-2 Rainbow Castle, 6-1 Trader Tye, 7-1 Fair Crossing, 8-1 Ascot Lad, The Boiler White, 10-1 Frozen Drop, 12-1 others.

1994: DONT TELL THE WIFE 8-10-11 J Osborne (7-1) Mrs D Haine 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

DARREN THE BRAVE 13l and neck 3rd of 10 to Scotton Banks in novice chase at Stratford (3m, good) with DOCS DILEMMA (14lb better off) unseated rider 4 out. FAIR CROSSING best effort this term beat Mugoni Beach 2l in 7-runner novice chase at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, soft). FROZEN DROP best recent effort two heads 3rd of 5 to Gold Cap in handicap chase at Sandown (3m 5f 110yd, good). KEMYS COMMANDER best recent effort beat Cosmic Force head in 14-runner novice chase at Market Rasen (2m 4f, good). DOCS DILEMMA ¾l 2nd of 5 to Irish Stamp in maiden chase over course and distance (firm) penultimate start. CREGG BOREEN beat Shaston 15l in an 8-runner handicap chase at Newton Abbot (3m 2f 110yd, good to soft). ROMANY CREEK beat Leagaune 13l in 21-runner handicap chase at Nottingham (3m 3f 110yd, good to soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: DARREN THE BRAVE

6.00 PRIMULA HANDICAP HURDLE (BBC2)
(£5,038: 3m) (9 runners)

1 261220 TOP SPIN 15F (C,F,G,S) (Mrs E Long) J Jenkins 6-11-10 ... N Williamson 99
2 1111 ALQAIRAWAAN 27 (CD,F) (J Joseph) C Mann 6-10-8 ... C Llewellyn 94
3 113124 LINTON ROCKS 25 (F,G,S) (Mrs C Morrison) T Thomson Jones 6-10-7 ... G McCourt 98
4 340342 FOREST FEATHER 15 (B,G) (D Knox) C Weedon 7-10-5 ... Peter Hobbs 96
5 0210/F-6 TOP JAVALIN 41 (D,S) (Mrs J Reip) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 8-10-0 ... A Tory —
6 2-30001 RIMOUSKI 10 (D,G) (J Stevenson) B Cambidge 7-10-0 ... Mr J Cambidge 89
7 031650 RAAHIN 4F (C,F,G,S) (B Adkins) S Woodman 10-10-0 ... S McNeill 82
8 335-FF6 GROOMSMAN 20 (V,S) (T Blackmore) N Babbage 9-10-0 ... W Humphreys 87
9 045-850 PARISIAN 6 (Miss J Blackwell) J Bennett 10-10-0 ... L Harvey 50

Long handicap: Top Javalin 9-7, Rimouski 9-5, Raahin 8-10, Groomsman 8-5, Parisian 6-7.

BETTING: 5-2 Alqairawaan, 3-1 Forest Feather, 7-2 Linton Rocks, 5-1 Top Spin, 8-1 Rimouski, 12-1 others.

1994: HAPPY HORSE 7-10-8 A Tory (100-30) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

TOP SPIN 15l 2nd of 5 to Cyborgo in grade II Rendlesham Handicap Hurdle at Kempton (3m 110yd, heavy) penultimate start. ALQAIRAWAAN beat Badastan 2l in 10-runner handicap hurdle over course and distance (firm). LINTON ROCKS 11l 4th of 15 to Morgans Harbour in grade I Sefton Novices' Hurdle at Aintree (3m, good to firm). FOREST FEATHER short-head 2nd of 5 to Keep Me In Mind in handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4f, firm). RIMOUSKI beat Fortunes Course 1¼l in 10-runner handicap hurdle at Bangor (3m, good).
Selection: ALQAIRAWAAN (nap)

6.30 MICHAEL PAGE GROUP HANDICAP CHASE (BBC2)
(£10,163: 2m) (5 runners)

1 5-43135 YOUNG SNUGFIT 41 (CD,F,G,S) (Elite Racing) O Sherwood 11-12-0 ... J A McCarthy 94
2 24-1133 KIBREET 74 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs J Emery) P Hobbs 8-10-6 ... Peter Hobbs 96
3 2-121U2 GLEMOT 151 (D,BF,G,S) (D Yardy) K Bailey 7-10-6 ... N Williamson 89
4 F-51153 BIG MATT 31 (G,S) (R Shaw) N Henderson 7-10-4 ... M A Fitzgerald 99
5 413311 ABU MUSLAB 5 (B,D,F,G) (G Edwards) G Edwards 11-10-0 (4ex) ... R Dunwoody 90

BETTING: 9-4 Abu Muslab, 11-4 Young Snugfit, 7-2 Kibreet, 4-1 Glemot, 5-1 Big Matt.

1994: DEEP SENSATION 9-12-0 D Murphy (3-1) J Gifford 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

YOUNG SNUGFIT best effort this term beat What's In Orbit 1l in 5-runner handicap chase at Aintree (2m 1f 110yd, good). KIBREET 6¼l 3rd of 4 to Bold Choice in handicap chase at Sandown (2m, heavy). GLEMOT 4l 2nd of 3 to Gulburn's Nephew in handicap chase at Sandown (2m 4f 110yd, good). BIG MATT 4l and neck 3rd of 6 to Seven Of Diamonds in handicap chase here (2m 3f 110yd, firm). ABU MUSLAB completed double beat Drumstick ½l in 6-runner handicap chase at Exeter (2m 1f 110yd, good).
Selection: GLEMOT

7.05 HOSTA NOVICES HURDLE (£3,859: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

1 131021 CALL MY GUEST 14 (D,G,S) (Bazwell) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-5 ... E Callaghan (7) 99
2 112504 GREEN LANE 25 (C,D,F,G) (J Joseph) R Akehurst 7-11-5 ... S Ryan (7) 86
3 000 CALL THE BUREAU 33 (Miss S Haynes) H Haynes 6-11-0 ... Mr G Brown —
4 0 CASTLE CAVALIER 54 (Lady Mary Mumford) Lady Herries 7-11-0 ... E Murphy —
5 000 EXEUS 34 (Miss S Douglas-Pennant) J King 5-11-0 ... B Powell 50
6 380 HOH DELIVERY 48 (D Allport) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 6-11-0 ... W Marston —
7 51202 TAOS 10 (S) (B Kelly) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-0 ... C Llewellyn 86
8 0-00P FLEMINGS DELIGHT 50 (Mrs G Jessop) A Jessop 5-10-9 ... R Massey (5) —

BETTING: 10-11 Call My Guest, 2-1 Green Lane, 3-1 Taos, 14-1 Castle Cavalier, 16-1 Hoh Delivery, 20-1 others.

1994: BARNA BOY 6-11-5 R Dunwoody (6-4 fav) N Henderson 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

CALL MY GUEST beat Knockaverry 3½l in 7-runner handicap hurdle at Wetherby (2m 4f 110yd, good). GREEN LANE 14½l 4th of 22 to Squire Silk in handicap hurdle at Aintree (2m 4f, good to firm). HOH DELIVERY best recent effort 4¼l 3rd of 13 to Wisley Wonder in National Hunt Flat race at Kempton (2m, heavy). TAOS ½l 2nd of 11 to Rakazona Beau in novice hurdle over course and distance (good).
Selection: CALL MY GUEST

7.35 MOONSHINE NOVICES CHASE (£4,395: 2m 3f 110yd) (6 runners)

1 60/P432 BLACK HORSE LAD 17 (S) (Mrs J Retter) Mrs J Retter 11-11-5 ... A P McCoy 83
2 32044F FULL SHILLING 42 (A Stear) K Burke 6-11-5 ... R Dunwoody 81
3 035P03 GILBERT 10 (F) (Mrs A Carey) D Carey 7-11-5 ... B Powell 90
4 5P324U KETFORD BRIDGE 15 (Mrs T Bangor) R Dickin 8-11-5 ... D Meredith 84
5 5P/2FP WATERMEAD 175 (F) (J Brown) C Mann 10-11-5 ... J Railton 99
6 4P6FP2 NORTHERN OPTIMIST 15 (F) (G Hunt) B Llewellyn 7-11-0 ... Mr J L Llewellyn 98

BETTING: 5-2 Black Horse Lad, 7-2 Full Shilling, Watermead, 5-1 Gilbert, 6-1 Ketford Bridge, Northern Optimist.

1994: REAL PROGRESS 6-11-5 R Dunwoody (11-2) P Hobbs 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLACK HORSE LAD 6l 2nd of 12 to Rather Sharp in selling handicap chase at Newton Abbot (2m 110yd, good to firm) with GILBERT (3lb better off) 51l 8th. FULL SHILLING 17¼l 4th of 5 to James The First in novice handicap chase at Southwell (2m, soft) penultimate start. GILBERT distance and 7l 3rd of 6 to Leotard in novice chase here (2m, good). KETFORD BRIDGE about 6¼l 4th of 10 to Nomadic Fire in selling handicap chase at Nottingham (2m 4f, good) on penultimate start. WATERMEAD best effort this term ¾l 2nd of 12 to Go Universal in novice chase at Chepstow (2m 3f 110yd, good to soft). NORTHERN OPTIMIST 6l 2nd of 12 to Turpin's Green in amateur riders' selling handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m 5f, good to firm) with KETFORD BRIDGE (17lb worse off) unseated rider 2nd.
Selection: WATERMEAD

8.10 RESERVOIR NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,843: 2m 110yd) (15 runners)

1 145645 SUIVEZ 11 (D,F,S) (G Wiltshire) Mrs N Macauley 5-11-10 ... N Williamson 95
2 655121 DISTANT ECHO 10 (CD,F,G) (B Fulton) D Arbuthnot 5-11-9 ... R Dunwoody 92
3 P11080 RIVER JUNCTION 26 (B,D,G) (Superlout Partners) D Nicholson 4-11-9 ... W Marston 99
4 5-11524 MR BEAN 10 (D,F) (B Toms) K Burke 5-11-5 ... M A Fitzgerald 88
5 00301 HOW'S IT GOIN 13 (D,F) (Mrs J Muir) W Muir 4-11-3 ... S McNeill 89
6 25146P EL GRANDO 94 (S) (M Brunton) K Cunningham-Brown 5-11-3 ... B McCourt 92
7 34-P154 KEEL ROW 13 (G) (Queen Elizabeth) T Thomson Jones 5-11-1 ... D Gallagher 93
8 313421 TORDO 15 (B,F) (M Myers) C Mann 4-11-0 ... J Railton 86
9 552P50 OZZIE JONES 15 (D,F) (M O'Donnell) M Chapman 4-11-0 ... W Worthington 98
10 00SUP0 CONTI D'ESTRUVAL 48 (G) (B Keay) G Balding 5-10-12 ... A P McCoy —
11 3-00553 ANY MINUTE NOW 10 (B) (Mrs S Crane) J Akehurst 5-10-4 ... Peter Hobbs 96
12 P50002 JUBILEE ROYALE 15 (D,F) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 4-10-1 ... D Bridgwater 87
13 36002F LORCANJO 15 (Mrs A Carey) D Carey 4-10-0 ... P McLoughlin (3) 79
14 00P FEVER PITCH 74 (Four No Trumps Partnership) R Frost 5-10-0 ... B Powell —
15 PP3 CAPTAIN COE 48 (Heart of the South Racing) J Ffitch-Heyes 5-10-0 J Nawes (7) —

Long handicap: Lorcanjo 9-9, Fever Pitch 9-6, Captain Coe 8-8.

BETTING: 7-2 Distant Echo, 5-1 River Junction, 6-1 Mr Bean, 7-1 Tordo, 8-1 Suivez, 10-1 Jubilee Royale, 12-1 El Grando, Keel Row, 16-1 others.

1994: DARK DEN 4-10-13 T Kent (6-5 fav) Mrs J Cecil 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

SUIVEZ 33l 4th of 10 to Jurz in amateur riders' handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, soft) penultimate start. DISTANT ECHO beat Colossus Of Roads 3l in 8-runner course and distance novice handicap hurdle (good) with ANY MINUTE NOW (5lb better off) 4l 3rd and MR BEAN (4lb worse off) head 4th. RIVER JUNCTION about 20¼l 6th of 10 to Nashville Star in handicap hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good) penultimate start. MR BEAN 5l 2nd of 12 to Master Hyde in Hexham novice hurdle (2m, good to firm) penultimate start. HOW'S IT GOIN beat Horesthedead 10l in 14-runner Southwell selling hurdle (2m, good to firm). TORDO beat Ginger Jim 3l in 4-runner Plumpton novice handicap hurdle (2m 4f, firm).
Selection: DISTANT ECHO

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
C Mann	3	7	42.9	C Maude	4	13	30.8
D Nicholson	11	39	28.2	A P McCoy	3	12	25.0
O Sherwood	11	47	23.4	S McNeill	6	31	19.4
K Bailey	7	34	20.6	M A Fitzgerald	10	56	17.9
N Twiston-Davies	12	75	16.0	R Dunwoody	14	82	17.1

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

2.15 Noosa. 2.45 We're Joken. 3.15 Dankeston. 3.45 Sadler's Walk. 4.15 Celtic Fringe. 4.45 **ENVIRONMENTALIST** (nap). 5.15 Kevasingo.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.15 Dankeston. 3.45 Bataan. 4.15 **CELTIC FRINGE** (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 MEADOWS SELLING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,243: 6f 15yd) (10 runners)

101 00-2 SIX FOR LUCK 7 (B,F) J Berry 9-4 ... G Carter 10
102 50-0 LADY DAVENPORT 17 (G) Ronald Thompson 8-13 ... J Weaver 9
103 1-02 NOOSA 22 (F,G) M Johnston 8-13 ... D Holland 7
104 0 IL FURETTO 22 J King 8-12 ... L Dettori 4
105 000 RED O'REILLY 6 (B) Mrs N Macauley 8-12 ... Dale Gibson 6
106 00 UNDAWATERSCUBADIVA 8 M Bielby 8-12 ... A Culhane 5
107 45- EILEEN'S GUEST 190 R Williams 8-7 ... G Duffield 1
108 2-42 HI ROCK 22 M Camacho 8-7 ... L Charnock 2
109 00-5 LEILSE 13 A Jarvis 8-7 ... D Harrison 3
110 2- LITTLE WILMA 17 A Jarvis 8-7 ... J Tate (3) 8

11-4 Noosa, 7-2 Six For Luck, 9-2 Hi Rock, 7-1 Eileen's Guest, 10-1 Red O'Reilly, Leilse, 14-1 others.

2.45 BRADMORE FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,588: 6f 15yd) (15)

201 000- LADY SILK 185 (CD,G,S) J Hetherton 4-9-11 ... S Webster 3
202 10-0 PAB'S CHOICE 32 (D,G,S) M McCormack 4-9-7 ... G Duffield 9
203 0800 BONNY MELODY 7 (G) P Evans 4-9-5 ... J Fortune 8
204 24-5 RUNS IN THE FAMILY 8 (D,S) P Murphy 3-9-4 ... D Harrison 5
205 1210 KINNEGAD KID 33 (D,G,S) R Ingram 6-9-1 ... D Wright (3) 1
206 6561 TAEL OF SILVER 8 (CD,G) K Burke 3-8-13 (7ex) ... D Holland 2
207 000- POYLE JEZEBELLE 271 M Blanshard 4-8-11 ... Stephen Davies 4
208 434- ANNIE FAY 225 (D,F) J L Harris 3-8-10 ... K Darley 10
209 0660 ANGELIC DANCER 11 (B,D,F) S Bowring 4-8-9 ... C Teague (5) 7
210 3000 TWICE IN BUNDORAN 11 (G) P Felgate 4-8-7 ... P McCabe (5) 13
211 0-15 BONITA 7 (D,F) Mrs L Piggott 3-8-7 ... Victoria Appleby (7) 12
212 0-00 SECRET MISS 28 A Jarvis 3-8-4 ... J Tate (3) 11
213 4480 CHRISTIAN FLIGHT 19 S Gollings 6-8-2 ... M Fenton 15
214 -801 WE'RE JOKEN 6 (D,G,S) J Berry 3-7-12 ... P Fessey (7) 6
215 0-06 LE BAL 12 (B) Mrs N Macauley 3-7-9 ... Dale Gibson 14

7-2 We're Joken, 5-1 Tael Of Silver, Bonita, 7-1 Annie Fay, 10-1 Secret Miss, Runs In The Family, 12-1 Pab's Choice, 16-1 others.

3.15 PORCHESTER MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,519: 5f 13yd) (7)

301 BOBSWORTHATCASPERS G Lewis 9-0 ... Paul Eddery 5
302 COPPER BRIGHT P Haslam 9-0 ... J Fortune 2
303 2 DANKESTON 33 M Bell 9-0 ... M Fenton 3
304 JALEEL R Hannon 9-0 ... R Perham 1
305 MISSILE TOE J Banks 9-0 ... D Biggs 4
306 0 SILVERDALE KNIGHT 3 K Hogg 9-0 ... A Daly (7) 6
307 ELLE MAC M Bielby 8-9 ... A Culhane 7

7-4 Dankeston, 9-2 Missile Toe, 5-1 Bobsworthatcaspers, 6-1 Copper Bright, Jaleel, 8-1 Silverdale Knight, 14-1 Elle Mac.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 25 winners from 65 runners, 38.5%; L Cumani, 9 from 25, 36.0%; Mrs J Cecil, 5 from 21, 23.8%; P Cole, 15 from 71, 22.5%; G Wragg, 6 from 28, 21.4%; M Camacho, 3 from 14, 21.4%.
JOCKEYS: D Harrison, 10 winners from 51 rides, 19.6%; L Dettori, 28 from 146 19.2%; Paul Eddery, 15 from 101, 14.9%; T Quinn 12 from 87, 13.8%; D Biggs, 7 from 53, 13.2%; W Ryan 19 from 146, 13.0%.

3.45 DEB HANDICAP (£3,935: 1m 1f 213yd) (12)

401 50-0 MIDNIGHT JAZZ 15 (D,F,G) W O'Gorman 5-10-0 ... Emma O'Gorman 4
402 16-0 LOCOROTONDO 15 (D,F,S) M Bell 4-9-13 ... M Fenton 8
403 324- BATAAN 194 Mrs J Cecil 4-9-12 ... Paul Eddery 9
404 010- CLOUDED ELEGANCE 213 (CD,F,G,S) Lady Herries 5-9-11 ... K Darley 7
405 520- SCOTTISH BAMBI 300 (D,F,G) R Hannon 7-9-9 ... R Perham 6
406 10-4 SADLER'S WALK 26 (D,F) G Wragg 4-9-7 ... M Hills 2
407 4160 BENTICO 47 (D,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 6-9-2 ... L Dettori 11
408 -322 MONTONE 8 (F,G,S) K Burke 5-8-9 ... D R McCabe (3) 12
409 3560 SHUTTLECOCK 6 (G,S) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-3 ... M Henry (7) 1
410 20/ MARCHMAN 586J (D,F) J King 10-8-0 ... G Carter 5
411 0-60 PARISH WALK 3 K Hogg 4-7-8 ... D Lockhart (7) 10
412 0-06 RASAYEL 19 (G) P Evans 5-7-7 ... J Fanning 3

4-1 Sadler's Walk, 5-1 Montone, 6-1 Bataan, 7-1 Locorotondo, 8-1 others.

4.15 RADFORD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,375: 1m 54yd) (8)

501 CELTIC FRINGE H Cecil 8-11 ... W Ryan 7
502 3 COURAGEOUS DANCER 11 B Hanbury 8-11 ... T Ives 5
503 EUROLINK MISCHIEF L Cumani 8-11 ... K Darley 4
504 3-2 KHAMSEH 17 J Watts 8-11 ... L Dettori 6
505 MAKRI Mrs J Cecil 8-11 ... Paul Eddery 3
506 322- WESTERN REEL 206 P Cole 8-11 ... T Quinn 1
507 0- WHITE PALACE 204 J Fanshawe 8-11 ... D Harrison 2
508 0- ZITZIANA 243 C Brittain 8-11 ... M Rimmer 8

5-2 Celtic Fringe, 7-2 Western Reel, 4-1 Eurolink Mischief, 9-2 others.

4.45 ATTENBOROUGH HANDICAP
(£3,903: 1m 6f 15yd) (20)

601 -500 CHIMBORAZO 15 B McMath 4-10-0 ... W Woods 8
602 2412 MIZYAN 8 (D,G) J Banks 7-9-6 ... L Dettori 2
603 500- SHAMSHADAL 103J J Jenkins 5-9-5 ... D Biggs 16
604 00-0 CHAKALAK 15 (D,F,G) S Dow 7-9-5 ... A Martinez 6
605 0001 NEW INN 8 (CD,G,S) E Weymes 4-9-5 (5ex) ... K Darley 5
606 50-0 EFAAD 7 J Norton 4-9-4 ... A Culhane 19
607 0054 ENVIRONMENTALIST 15 (G) B McMath 4-9-0 ... A Mackay 9
608 0-00 REQUESTED 11 (D,F,G) P Burgoyne 8-8-13 ... J Weaver 18
609 130- CHEZ CATALAN 158J (F,B) R Akehurst 4-8-13 ... G Carter 10
610 00-0 PORTOLAND 96 W Clay 4-8-11 ... M Wigham 1
611 500- MARJIMEL 179 J Eyre 4-8-11 ... R Lappin 4
612 055- CAVINA 197 N Graham 5-8-10 ... W Ryan 7
613 1125 ROYAL CITIZEN 31 (G) J Bottomley 6-8-10 ... T Ives 3
614 0-00 KINOKO 3 (CD,G,S) K Hogg 7-8-8 ... A Daly (7) 11
615 -516 ALL ON 76 (G) J Hetherton 4-8-6 ... N Kennedy 14
616 0410 SWORDKING 6 (V,CD,F,G,S) J L Harris 6-8-6 ... Paul Eddery 20
617 3-12 SODJAMA 7 (F) R Flower 5-7-12 ... Stephen Davies 17
618 0-00 LIGHTNING QUEST 25 (D,F) J Wainwright 4-7-10 ... J Fanning 15
619 -512 LA MENORQUINA 21 (G) D Marks 5-7-9 ... M Baird (5) 12
620 -400 SALINGER 15 J Parkes 7-7-7 ... N Carlisle 13

6-1 New Inn, 7-1 Mizyan, Royal Citizen, 8-1 Chez Catalan, Sodjama, 10-1 La Menorquina, Environmentalist, 12-1 others.

5.15 COTMANHAY HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,960: 1m 54yd) (18)

1 0-01 COOL TACTICIAN 19 (G) R Hollinshead 9-7 ... T Ives 14
2 50-0 SOOTY 14 H Thomson Jones 9-2 ... R Hills 1
3 2151 MAC'S TAXI 6 (G) P Haslam 9-1 (5ex) ... J Stack (5) 8
4 00-0 ROCK OYSTER 10 B Meehan 9-0 ... J Weaver 13
5 00-6 LEADING SPIRIT 39 C Wall 9-0 ... W Woods 3
6 0460 POLLI PUI 11 P Evans 8-12 ... D Harrison 4
7 000- EURO SINGER 287 R Akehurst 8-8 ... G Carter 2
8 5-13 KEVASINGO 15 (D,G) S Dow 8-8 ... G Duffield 17
9 -430 ALUTE 8 C Brittain 8-7 ... M Rimmer 10
10 000- BIASED VIEW 180 R Thompson 8-1 ... T Williams 5
11 00-6 DECEIT THE SECOND 22 G Lewis 8-1 ... Paul Eddery 18
12 65-0 MOST WELCOME NEWS 15 J Jenkins 8-1 ... Dale Gibson 7
13 500- NUNNERY GROVE 198 T Thomson Jones 8-0 ... Stephen Davies 12
14 -124 BAKERS DAUGHTER 55 (D,G) J Arnold 7-13 ... DOUBTFUL 9
15 -003 DON'T FORGET RUBY 28 D Arbuthnot 7-11 ... N Varley (5) 11
16 4-00 LONGCROFT 1 K Hogg 7-10 ... A Daly (7) 15
17 200- CLUB ELITE 230 M Camacho 7-9 ... L Charnock 16
18 000- TILTHAMS 309 D Wilson 7-7 ... N Gwilliams 6

5-1 Cool Tactician, Mac's Taxi, 6-1 Kevasingo, 10-1 Biased View, 12-1 others.

BATH

THUNDERER

2.00 Top Lady. 2.30 Mister Raider. 3.00 John O'Dreams. 3.30 Yubralee. 4.00 Crystal Magic. 4.30 Kossolian. 5.00 Hill Farm Dancer.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS

DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 BLATHWAYT MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,060: 1m 2f 46yd) (16 runners)

1 (6) AMBIDEXTROUS C Brittain 9-0 ... B Doyle —
2 (2) 0 BACKVIEW 15 B Llewellyn 9-0 ... R Price —
3 (4) DICK CHRISTIAN B Meehan 9-0 ... R Hughes —
4 (15) ENDOWMENT W Hern 9-0 ... W Carson —
5 (3) 0- HARDING BROWN 311 G Harwood 9-0 ... A Clark —
6 (14) HETHERS FOOTSTEPS P Murphy 9-0 ... R Waterfield (7) —
7 (11) 00- LITTLE SHEFFORD 218 D Bresch Davis 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 56
8 (12) 5- ROYAL COLLEGE 262 P Cole 9-0 ... C Rutter 99
9 (8) 5-0 SMOLENSK 17 J Berry 9-0 ... J Carroll 78
10 (1) 360- STYLISH INTERVAL 227 R Hodges 9-0 ... S Drowne (5) 78
11 (7) 0 TADJONI 15 I Balding 9-0 ... R Cochrane 93
12 (9) UNITED FRONT H Cecil 9-0 ... W Newnes 94
13 (5) VOLUNTEER H Cecil 9-0 ... A McGlone —
14 (10) BOLD SALLY Mrs S Williams 8-9 ... J Williams —
15 (16) 0- CAFE GLACE 179 R Akehurst 8-9 ... S Sanders (3) —
16 (13) 00- TOP LADY 193 M Stoute 8-9 ... W R Swinburn 80

4-1 Top Lady, 5-1 United Front, 6-1 Volunteer, 7-1 Endowment, 8-1 Tadjoni, Royal College, 10-1 Ambidextrous, 12-1 others.

2.30 SPA SELLING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,619: 5f 11yd) (17)

1 (10) 000- ALMAPA 178 R Hodges 8-12 ... S Drowne (5) 81
2 (5) 218- CLAN SCOTIA 277 (B,D,F) J Berry 8-12 ... J Carroll 78
3 (11) 0-00 COLSTON-C 68 C Hill 8-12 ... R Hughes 73
4 (13) 80-0 FORTUNES LEAP 8 Mrs L Murphy 8-12 ... R Price 84
5 (8) 0-50 KENCOL 8 A Foster 8-12 ... W Carson 99
6 (4) 0424 MISTER RAIDER 15 S Mellor 8-12 ... Pat Eddery 98
7 (17) 0-04 MY LADY BRADY 22 (D,G) G Oldroyd 8-12 ... R Cochrane 98
8 (16) 600- SMILEY FACE 248 R Hodges 8-12 ... Amanda Sanders (7) 77
9 (14) 35-5 SOUTHERN DOMINION 3 W G M Turner 8-12 ... T Sprake 91
10 (1) 3000 SUPERBIT 17 B McMahon 8-12 ... F Norton 80
11 (6) 00-0 DEARDAW 34 M Usher 8-7 ... C Adamson (7) —
12 (9) -450 FIERY FOOTSTEPS 40 (B) P Howling 8-7 ... S Lanigan (7) 92
13 (12) 60 LADYBOWER 71 Lord Huntingdon 8-7 ... J Wilkinson (7) —
14 (3) 506- MOSSALIER 209 (B) M Meade 8-7 ... V Slattery 92
15 (7) -405 NOMADIC DANCER 77 M Saunders 8-7 ... J Williams 86
16 (2) 0 POSITIVE RESULT 62 R Price 8-7 ... A Clark —
17 (15) 000- SILENT SKY 125 C Hill 8-7 ... M Baird (5) 68

4-1 Mister Raider, 6-1 Clan Scotia, 8-1 My Lady Brady, Kencol, 12-1 Nomadic Dancer, Ladybower, Fortunes Leap, 16-1 others.

3.00 TRIPLEPRINT HANDICAP
(£3,285: 5f 11yd) (17)

1 (11) 3043 SISON 8 (B,D,G) K Wingrove 5-10-0 ... J McLaughlin 92
2 (10) 100- WINSOME WOOSTER 196 (C,D,G,S) P Murphy 4-9-11 ... W R Swinburn 94
3 (17) 606- JUCEA 199 (CD,F) J Spearing 6-9-7 ... Pat Eddery 87
4 (5) 530- TINKER OSMASTON 186 (D,F) M Saunders 4-9-7 ... J Williams 94
5 (7) 1-14 CANOVAS HEART 22 (D,S) Bob Jones 6-9-6 ... R Cochrane 98
6 (1) 000- MIRIAM 172 (D,F) M Fetherston-Godley 4-9-3 ... Martin Dwyer (7) 87
7 (15) 005- PALEY PRINCE 155 (CD,F,G) M Usher 9-9-3 ... C Adamson (7) 94
8 (9) -231 HARRY'S COMING 8 (D,F,G,S) R Hodges 11-9-2 (7ex) ... S Drowne (5) 97
9 (14) 5-00 LA BELLE DOMINIQUE 28 S Knight 3-9-1 ... W Newnes 99
10 (4) 80-0 JOHN O'DREAMS 15 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs A King 10-9-0 ... A Garth (5) 91
11 (16) /00- RAISA POINT 318 W Muir 4-8-13 ... J Carroll —
12 (2) 005- ASHKERNAZY 380 (D,F) N Berry 4-8-10 ... J D Smith (5) 90
13 (12) 3200 PURBECK CENTENARY 12 (D,G) P Howling 5-8-7 ... A Clark 87
14 (3) 500- SHADES OF JADE 279 (D,F,S) J Bridger 7-8-1 ... S Sanders (3) 85
15 (8) 000- LA THUILE 179 M Usher 3-7-12 ... T Sprake 85
16 (13) 3440 IVY LILIAN 17 W Brisbourne 3-7-12 ... S Lanigan (7) 88
17 (6) 60-0 KENSINGTON FREIGHT 15 J Akehurst 3-7-11 ... G Bardwell 95

5-1 Harry's Coming, 6-1 Canovas Heart, 8-1 Sison, 10-1 Jucea, Paley Prince, Purbeck Centenary, 12-1 Winsome Wooster, 16-1 others.

3.30 JACQUELINE COXON BIRTHDAY HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,810: 1m 2f 46yd) (11)

1 (11) 553- PENNYCAIRN 224 H Cecil 9-7 ... A McGlone 80
2 (5) 1224 NO PATTERN 17 (V,G) G L Moore 9-7 ... B Rouse 85
3 (3) 00-6 KIMBRIDGE KNIGHT 17 (V) P Walwyn 9-5 ... Pat Eddery 87
4 (10) 32-0 BOB'S PLOY 17 R Akehurst 9-4 ... B Thomson 85
5 (1) 4-50 YUBRALEE 16 M Stoute 9-1 ... W R Swinburn 82
6 (4) -451 HIMALAYAN BLUE 15 (D,G) M Channon 9-0 ... R Hughes 87
7 (2) 50-0 LUCKY COIN 15 C Brittain 8-11 ... B Doyle 84
8 (7) 00-0 GREYCOAT BOY 15 B Meehan 8-7 ... R Cochrane 80
9 (6) 55-6 ARCTIC POPPY 15 I Balding 8-7 ... Martin Dwyer (7) 90
10 (9) 0-00 MAGICAL BID 17 J Bradley 8-2 ... A Tucker 90
11 (8) 001- PARADISE WATERS 200 (F) R Johnson Houghton 7-13 ... F Norton 99

7-2 Pennycairn, 5-1 Bob's Ploy, 6-1 Himalayan Blue, 7-1 Kimbridge Knight, 8-1 Yubralee, No Pattern, Paradise Waters, 10-1 others.

4.00 CORSTON CONDITIONS STAKES
(£5,271: 5f 11yd) (5)

1 (5) 180- JAYANNPEE 221 (CD,F,G) I Balding 4-10-0 ... R Cochrane 99
2 (4) 530- CROESO-I-CYMRU 237 (D,F) B McMahon 4-9-9 ... W R Swinburn 94
3 (3) 12-5 LUCKY PARKES 24 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 5-9-9 ... J Carroll 98
4 (2) 30-5 CRYSTAL MAGIC 11 (D,F) R Hannon 4-9-3 ... Pat Eddery 98
5 (1) 4-52 WELTON ARSENAL 15 (F) M Channon 3-9-0 ... R Hughes 99

6-4 Lucky Parkes, 11-4 Crystal Magic, 7-2 Jayannpee, 9-2 Welton Arsenal, 7-1 Croeso-I-Cymru.

4.30 PENSFORD MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,331: 5f 11yd) (8)

1 (7) MELLORS J Toller 8-10 ... Pat Eddery —
2 (8) 0 SHARP NIGHT 17 M Saunders 8-7 ... R Price —
3 (6) 06 EIGHTS HIGH 13 R Hannon 8-5 ... W Carson —
4 (2) MIDNIGHT COOKIE R Hodges 8-5 ... R Cochrane —
5 (4) 0 STEALTH ATTACK 38 (BF) J Berry 8-5 ... J Carroll 81
6 (5) 2 KOSSOLIAN 15 B Palling 7-11 ... A Whelan (5) 99
7 (3) LUCKY REVENGE M Meade 7-11 ... C Tinel (7) —
8 (1) POLLY GOLIGHTLY B Smart 7-11 ... S Sanders (3) —

6-4 Kossolian, 7-4 Stealth Attack, 5-1 Eights High, 8-1 Midnight Cookie, 12-1 Mellors, Lucky Revenge, 16-1 others.

5.00 EMPIRE FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,696: 1m 3f 144yd) (11)

1 (3) 000- SEREN QUEST 305 (F) R Akehurst 5-10-0 ... W R Swinburn 84
2 (8) 00-0 RUNIC 14 (F,G) C Egerton 4-9-10 ... A Procter (5) 95
3 (9) 0-00 UNCHARTED WATERS 45 (F) C Cyzer 4-9-3 ... Pat Eddery 98
4 (4) 0505 SACRED MIRROR 36 C Brittain 4-8-7 ... B Doyle 82
5 (11) 60-0 KALA STAR 7 J Ffitch-Heyes 4-8-5 ... W Carson 88
6 (6) 0-65 GINKA 78 (V) P Bevan 4-8-4 ... S Sanders (3) 88
7 (2) 6322 HILL FARM DANCER 15 (F,G) W Brisbourne 4-8-3 ... A Garth (5) 94
8 (5) 080- JUBILEE LINE 197 D Arbuthnot 5-7-12 ... F Norton 82
9 (1) 00-2 PORTE BELLOCH 3 (C,G) C Nash 4-7-8 ... A Tucker 99
10 (7) -000 LA BELLE SHYANNE 28 C Hill 4-7-7 ... G Bardwell (5) 80
11 (10) -400 HOMEMAKER 26 (V,F,S) P Murphy 5-7-7 ... N Adams 80

7-2 Hill Farm Dancer, 9-2 Porte Belloch, 5-1 Sacred Mirror, 7-1 Runic, 8-1 Seren Quest, Kala Star, 10-1 Uncharted Waters, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

BATH: Trainers: H Cecil, 7 winners from 12 runners, 58.3%; Bob Jones, 3 from 8, 37.5%; M Stoute, 7 from 20, 35.0%; Lord Huntingdon, 6 from 26, 23.1%; J Berry, 9 from 41, 22.0%; D Arbuthnot, 6 from 28, 21.4%. Jockeys: Pat Eddery, 20 winners from 80 rides, 25.0%; B Doyle, 6 from 28, 21.4%; J Carroll, 4 from 22, 18.2%; R Cochrane, 11 from 66, 16.7%, W Carson, 7 from 43, 16.3%; S Drowne, 8 from 57, 14.0%.

KELSO: Trainers: Mrs J Storey, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%; T Dalgetty, 4 from 10, 40.0%; Mrs M Reveley, 44 from 129, 34.1%; Mrs J Goodfellow, 11 from 42, 26.2%; G Richards, 33 from 150, 22.0%; M Hammond, 19 from 95, 20.0%. Jockeys: Mr C Storey, 4 winners from 10 rides, 40.0%; P Niven, 54 from 139, 38.8%; Mr J M Dun, 6 from 20, 30.0%; A Thornton, 7 from 33, 21.2%; Richard Guest, 3 from 16, 18.8%; B Storey, 26 from 163, 16.0%.

Blinkered first time

ASCOT: 8.10 Any Minute Now, River Junction. BATH: 2.30 Fiery Footsteps. 3.00 Sison. 5.00 Ginka. KELSO: 8.20 Bonanza. NOTTINGHAM: 2.15 Red O'Reilly, Six For Luck.

KELSO

THUNDERER

5.45 Emerald Charm. 6.15 Thistle Princess. 6.45 Weaver George. 7.20 Road By The River. 7.50 On The Other Hand. 8.20 Dancing Dove.

Brian Beel: 7.50 On The Other Hand.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) — SIS

5.45 SCOTSMAN MAIDEN HURDLE
(£2,948: 2m 110yd) (17 runners)

1 /5P BRACKEN BREEZE 134 B Mactaggart 10-11-2 ... J Supple (5)
2 0F CALDER'S GROVE 11 Miss L Perratt 5-11-2 ... A Thornton
3 3353 DOWN THE FELL 19 J Johnson 6-11-2 ... Richard Guest
4 00 INOVAR 66 C Booth 5-11-2 ... R Garritty
5 0-00 LUCKY WEDSONG 8 W Smith 6-11-2 ... S Taylor (7)
6 0-00 MIGHTY EXPRESS 19 I Park 6-11-2 ... N Smith
7 00P4 NIJWAY 19 M Barnes 5-11-2 ... P Waggott
8 0053 ROYAL RANK 49 D Alder 5-11-2 ... D Bentley
9 26-5 SHARP SENSATION 57 W Barker 5-11-2 ... G Harker
10 64U2 EMERALD CHARM 15 J Charlton 7-10-11 ... K Johnson
11 0000 MISS MONT 12 D Moffatt 6-10-11 ... R Hodge
12 5/F MISS WAG 8 W Young 8-10-11 ... R Murphy (7)
13 P0 BRITE WIZARD 43 C Parker 4-10-10 ... B Storey
14 P056 BRUZ 12 (B) W Kemp 4-10-10 ... S McDougall
15 HIT THE CANVAS 40F Mrs M Reveley 4-10-10 ... P Niven
16 RUMBLEINTHEJUNGLE 8 Mactaggart 4-10-10 ... S Melrose (7)
17 0 CHARLISTIONA 15 J Dodds 4-10-5 ... Mr A Manners (7)

3-1 Hit The Canvas, 7-2 Down The Fell, 5-1 Emerald Charm, 7-1 Sharp Sensation, 8-1 Nijway, 10-1 Royal Rank, 12-1 Bruz, 16-1 others.

6.15 GEORGE INTER-CONTINENTAL EDINBURGH TROPHY
(Novices chase: £4,811: 2m 1f) (8)

1 4211 MILS MIJ 17 (CD,F,G,S) T Cuthbert 10-12-0 ... P Niven
2 15-1 THISTLE PRINCESS 21 (D,F) G Richards 6-11-2 ... M Dwyer
3 46FF BACK BEFORE DAWN 3 (G,S) P Monteith 8-11-0 ... G Cahill
4 2632 BRIAR'S DELIGHT 29 (B,G) R Allan 7-11-0 ... B Storey
5 -003 FLOWING RIVER 19 (F,G) W Barker 9-11-0 ... G Harker
6 -243 ST ELMO'S FIRE 5 J Barclay 10-11-0 ... A Thornton
7 -P00 JUST MOLLY 12 W Reed 8-10-9 ... Mr C Bonner
8 FF0U SPECTRE BROWN 15 F Jestin 5-10-7 ... N Leach

5-4 Mils Mij, 2-1 Thistle Princess, 7-1 Briar's Delight, 8-1 Back Before Dawn, 10-1 Flowing River, 12-1 St Elmo's Fire, 16-1 others.

6.45 ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND HANDICAP HURDLE (£5,079: 2m 110yd) (8)

1 11P5 BEAUCADEAU 143 (CD,F,G) M Barnes 9-12-0 ... P Waggott
2 0-14 AMERICAN HERO 11 (CD,F,G) R Allan 7-11-4 ... B Storey
3 2311 LITTLE BROMLEY 14 (C,D,F,G,S) A Eubank 8-10-12 ... Mr A Manners (7)
4 1260 TRUMP 10 (D,G,S) C Parker 6-10-9 ... Mr D Parker (3)
5 0342 WEAVER GEORGE 14 (D,F,G) J Hellens 5-10-5 ... M Dwyer
6 3-61 THE PREMIER EXPRES 15 (D,F,S) F O'Mahony 5-10-0 ... R Supple
7 6011 SOLAR NOVA 19 (CD,F,G) I Park 7-10-0 ... N Smith
8 /05 RUN FOR NICK 6 (D,F) Miss Z Green 7-10-0 ... Mr T Morrison

3-1 American Hero, 7-2 The Premier Expres, 4-1 Little Bromley, 9-2 Weaver George, 6-1 Beaucadeau, 8-1 Trump, 12-1 others.

7.20 EDINBURGH CRYSTAL HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,469: 3m 1f) (9)

1 -343 DAVY BLAKE 29 (CD,F,G,S) T Dalgetty 8-12-0 ... Mr J M Dun
2 1156 BOARDING SCHOOL 12 (F,G,S) C Parker 8-10-13 ... B Storey
3 0036 PINK GIN 17 (V,CD,F,G,S) M Hammond 8-10-9 ... Mr C Bonner
4 03F4 ROAD BY THE RIVER 39 (G,S) P Cheesbrough 7-10-7 ... R Supple
5 U004 CHARLOTTE'S EMMA 4 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 8-10-7 ... Richard Guest
6 24P1 SNOOK POINT 14 (G) D Lamb 8-10-0 ... Mr A Manners (7)
7 PPP5 SIDE OF HILL 15 (F,S) B Mactaggart 10-10-0 ... A Larnach (3)
8 2502 CAROUSEL ROCKET 15 (C,F,G,S) M Hammond 12-10-0 ... D Bentley
9 00P0 FISH QUAY 15 (C,F,G,S) Mrs K Lamb 12-10-0 ... Miss S Lamb (7)

7-2 Snook Point, 4-1 Boarding School, 5-1 Pink Gin, Road By The River, 6-1 Carousel Rocket, 8-1 Davy Blake, Charlotte's Emma, 12-1 others.

7.50 BELL LAWRIE WHITE UNITED BORDER HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £2,274: 3m 1f) (9)

1 1-51 ON THE OTHER HAND 12 (F,G,S) G Richards 12-12-4 ... Capt A Ogden (7)
2 -211 POPESHALL 8 (CD,F,G,S) Miss S Williamson 8-12-4 ... Mrs J Brown (7)
3 1022 ROYAL JESTER 12 (CD,G,S) Mrs J Storey 11-12-4 ... C Storey (7)
4 0P10 COVERDALE LANE 38 (S) Miss C Richardson 8-11-13 ... P Murray (7)
5 012/ BATTLE HERO 2040 (F) J Hughes 12-11-12 ... N Hargreave (7)
6 4332 CLARE LAD 23P (CD,F,G,S) A Gilchrist 12-11-12 ... C Healy (7)
7 6245 LOUGHLINSTOWN BOY 12 (F,G) J Riddell 10-11-12 ... A Manners (7)
8 P021 MARSHALSTONESWOOD 10P (F,S) J Bowie 10-11-12 ... Miss A Bowie (7)
9 351R OLD MORTALITY 10P (F) R Thomson 9-11-12 ... R Shiels (5)

2-1 On The Other Hand, 9-4 Popeshall, 5-2 Royal Jester, 12-1 Loughlinstown Boy, 16-1 Marshalstoneswood, 20-1 others.

8.20 CROSS KEYS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,775: 2m 6f 110yd) (5)

1 5342 BONANZA 21 (V,D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-11 ... P Niven
2 2354 COQUI LANE 12 (CD,S) J Dun 8-11-6 ... Mr J M Dun
3 12PF TEMPLE GARTH 29 (G,S) P Beaumont 6-11-0 ... R Supple
4 P520 GREAT MAX 12 (G) C Parker 6-10-11 ... Mr D Parker (3)
5 0232 DANCING DOVE 11 (C,F,G) G Richards 7-10-7 ... B Harding (5)

9-4 Dancing Dove, 11-4 Coqui Lane, 3-1 Bonanza, 6-1 Great Max, 8-1 Temple Garth.

Head strikes

LAST year's French 2,000 Guineas winner, Green Tune, trained by Criquette Head, proved too good for Ben Hanbury's Bin Ajwaad in the group two Prix du Muguet at Saint-Cloud yesterday. David Loder's Port Lucaya was fourth.

□ Lord Huntingdon's Penny Drops (David Harrison) won the group three Premio Ambrosiano in Milan yesterday.

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Team owner's choice of Coulthard as Hill's partner quickly vindicated

Drivers construct strong case to support Williams

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN SAN MARINO

THE fact was almost buried beneath the layers of emotion stacking up over Damon Hill's stirring victory in the San Marino Formula One Grand Prix on Sunday, but the ten points he won took him into the lead in the drivers' championship for the first time in his career. The psychological balance swung firmly back towards the Briton after a weekend when Michael Schumacher appeared to be making up lost ground.

Hill may have reached the summit for the first time, but his win also took his Williams team back to the peak it seems to have camped out on for the past three years. As Hill observed that Schumacher seemed to be struggling to get to grips with the new Benetton car, everyone was busy congratulating Frank Williams on the evidence of the assembly of a formidable package.

Williams have won the constructors' championship for three years in succession and now they are back at the top again, equal on points with Ferrari. Hill and David Coulthard, his team-mate, look capable of winning every race, but, while Benetton have Schumacher, Johnny Herbert, his partner, is finding it difficult to provide the back-up that his legions of supporters are willing him to produce.

Williams, who was heavily criticised during the winter for apparent prevarication over whether to sign Coulthard or Nigel Mansell as Hill's team-mate, has resisted the temptation to congratulate himself about his team's continued superiority. However, as both his drivers turned in more impressive performances at Imola and Mansell struggled in his new McLaren-Mercedes, Williams spoke out about the principles that guided his choice and the dynamics of the team.

"Since the business with Nigel in 1992 [when Mansell left the team] and even before that, I am always the one who gets labelled the prevaricator," he said, "but I have always believed there is no need to rush into a decision unless you must. We will make decisions that suit Williams, not anybody else. I do not talk about my business or company business until it is a *fait accompli*.

"When I have got to make my mind up, I do. If someone came into the office and said, 'Frank, you've got ten seconds to decide: the factory is on fire; do you want to stay or get out?' I would say: 'Sod it. I'm off'. I would decide as quick as anybody, but I learnt a long while ago from Bernie



Hill: early leader

Ecclestone to keep your cards close to your chest and not discuss business with anyone, especially in public.

"It was a difficult decision to make between Nigel and David, but I am very happy with how Damon and David are performing. He is good, our Damon, and the plan is for David to push him hard this season. I am not starry-eyed about David's future. I just think we have made a good choice.

"Inevitably, there will be friction between them, occasionally serious friction, but that happens in every team that has two fairly equal drivers. It is our job to make sure the friction does not get out of hand."

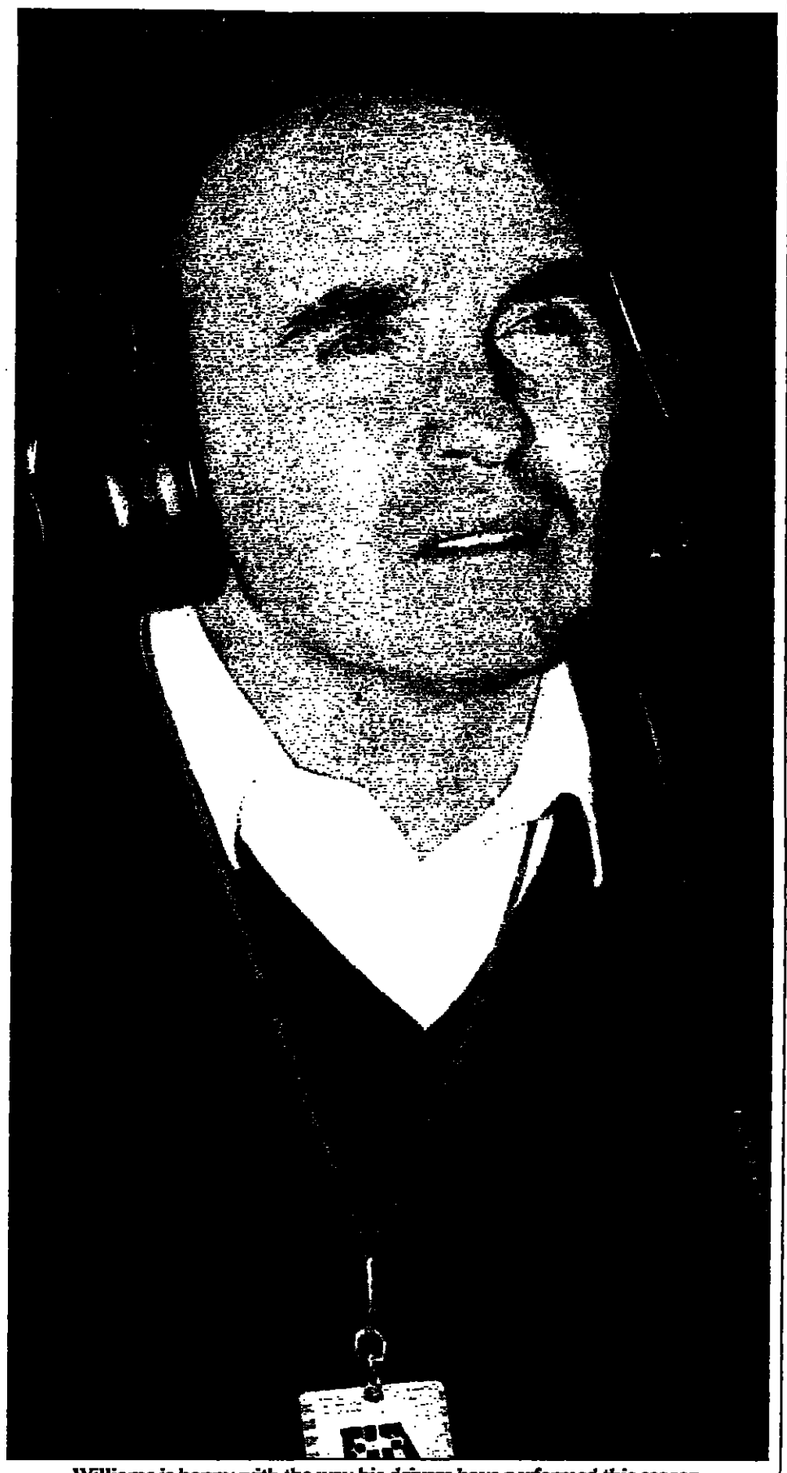
As Williams go from strength to strength, there were some rumours at the weekend that Herbert's position at Benetton might be under threat if his results do not improve before the midway point of the season, the British Grand Prix at Silverstone on July 16. Jos Verstappen, who is with Simtek, and Jean-Christophe Boullion, the Williams test driver, have been mentioned as possible replacements.

Herbert, one of the most popular drivers in Formula One, will surely be given more time to adapt to driving a competitive car in such a hothouse environment in the shadow of the world champion. He needs the support and encouragement of Benetton, too, and so far they have been unstinting in their backing for him.

Here, perhaps, Williams might take a few tips. "With drivers, we have always tended to take the view: 'There's your money, there's your car, drive it. Tell us your technical problems but don't tell us your emotional problems'," Williams said. "That may be something I could be criticised for. I should try harder."

☐ Jean Alesi's second successive runner-up spot in Sunday's San Marino Grand Prix has confirmed Ferrari's reappearance among the Formula One front-runners. The team won only one race last year and have not been a competitive force since 1991.

However, their performances this year have enabled them to overhaul Benetton as the main threat to Williams. After taking second and third in their home race, Jean Todt, the team director, said: "This is a great result for Ferrari with both drivers on the podium. We have confirmed that we are closing the performance gap on our rivals."



Williams is happy with the way his drivers have performed this season

RADIO CHOICE

Getting away from it all

Cutting the Apron Strings. *Radio 4, 7.20pm*

Not all the birds who flee the nest are fledgelings. Lyn Champion's anecdotal programme on leaving home also includes accounts of how nest-makers themselves decided to seek fresh fields and pastures new. As you would expect, some of the reminiscences are designed to tug at our heartstrings. Others are aimed at our funnybone. Most of the "cast" are unknowns but there is one celebrity, the composer Harrison Birtwhistle, who remembers what it was like to leave home and join the Army. Poignantly, there is the tale of the couple who knew for sure that their son had left home for good when they discovered that his teddy bear, stamp collection, and Tottenham Hotspur mug had gone.

Thirty Minute Theatre: A Sea Change. *Radio 4, 2pm.*

Not exactly a ghost story; not exactly a Priestley-type juggling trick with time; more a question of time being rubbed out altogether and today coexisting with yesterday. Gillian Plowman's haunting play is set in present-day Cornwall. A young wife (Jenny Funnell) hears a voice speaking to her in a foreign tongue. While she is out sailing she is caught in a storm, and ends up in the nets of a fisherman existing in the 19th century. As a tale of the supernatural I think *A Sea Change* works very well indeed. I don't believe it would be possible to overstate the effectiveness of Anthea Gomez's "other world" music.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Dave Pearce **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Wendy Lloyd incl at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat; and at **1.15** The Net **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Bruce Dickinson Rock Show **10.00** Mark Lamarr **12.00** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** ql Ken Bruce, incl at **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Anna Ford **2.00pm** Chris Stuart **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hayes Over Britain **8.30** The Queen of Romance (6/6) (r) **9.00** Music for Youth: The Regional Finals **10.00** Explorer 2: Your chance to ask science questions **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **1.30** Pause for Thought **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl at **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine with Diana Madill, incl at **10.35** Euronews; **11.00** Dirty News **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, incl at **3.15** Prime Minister's Question Time **4.30** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** Sport **7.35** The Tuesday Match: Wimbledon v Liverpool **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, incl at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Samantha Meah, Sean Bolger **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Rasbum **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** Maurice Dee, Carol McGiffen **10.00** Caesar **1.00am** Al Kelly

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.00am** News **5.30** Europe (**MW only**: Off the Shelf **5.45** On Screen) **6.00** News **6.30** What's News? (**MW only**: Europe) **6.45** On the Move (**MW only**: Europe) **7.00** News **7.15** World Today **7.30** Beethoven **8.00** News **8.15** Health **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Emblems **9.00** News (**MW only**: News in German) **9.10** Faith (**MW only**: News in German) **9.15** Concert **10.00** News **10.15** Game, Set and Match **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **Noon** News **12.30pm** Oliver Twist **1.00** News and Business (**MW only**: News in German) **1.15** Britain **1.30** UN **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Development (**MW only**: News in German) **4.45** Health (**MW only**: News in German) **5.00** News **5.15** Concert **6.00** Business **6.15** What's News? **6.30** World Today (**MW only**: News in German) **6.45** Sport (**MW only**: News in German) **7.00** News **7.30** Let's Do The Show Right Here **8.00** News **9.00** Europe **9.30** Outlook **9.55** Faith **10.00** Business **10.15** Britain **10.30** Meridian **11.00** News **11.30** World Today **11.45** Country **Midnight** News **12.15am** Music **12.15** Anything Goes **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **1.30** What's News? **1.45** Britain **2.00** News **2.15** On Screen **2.30** Music **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Andy Kershaw **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Discovery

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** The Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nick Abbot **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Janey Lee Grace **2.00-6.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Democracy in Africa
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: With Andrew McGregor. **7.05** *Handel Handbook*: Handel (Trio Sonata in C minor, Op 2 No 1a); **7.16** Vaughan Williams (Tuba Concerto in F minor); MacCunn (The Land of the Mountain and the Flood); Bernstein (Overture: Candide); Victoria (Magnificat primi toni); Janacek (Taras Bulba)
9.00 Composers of the Week: The Golden Age of Hollywood. Eric Wolfgang Korngold and Bernard Herrmann
10.00 Musical Encounters: With Edward Blakeman. **10.00** Tippett (The Midsummer Marriage, excerpts); **10.30** Jolivet (Chant de Linos); Fauré (Preludes: in G minor, Op 103 No 3; in F, Op 103 No 4); Chopin (Barcarolle in F sharp, Op 60; Nocturnes: in A flat, Op 32 No 2; in f minor, Op 55 No 1); Mozart (Symphony No 31 in D, Paris)
12.00 Ensemble: Mozart (Piano sonata in E flat); Schoenberg (Three Pieces, Op 11); Debussy (Les Terrasses des audiences; Ondine; Général Lavine — eccentric, Préludes, Bk II); Liszt (Variations on *Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen, Zagen*)
1.00pm The BBC Orchestras: BBC Philharmonic under Charles Mackerras. Shostakovich (Symphony No 10) (r)
2.00 Schools: Playtime **2.15** Time to Move **2.35** Ghostwriter **2.45** Le Club
3.00 Advance Guard: Martin Cotton surveys the early festivals of the International Society for Contemporary Music
5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson looks at the effect of music on unborn children
5.15 In Tune: Strauss (Zueignung, Op 10 No 1; Morgen, Op 27 No 4); Chopin (Fantaisie-Impromptu in C sharp minor, Op 66); Bloch (Schelomo)
7.30 Pebble Mill: Haydn (Sonata in G minor); Ravel (Miroirs). **8.15** Not a Turn for the Worse. A guide to page turning; **8.35** Arno Babadjanian (Six Pictures); Prokofiev (Sonata No 7)
9.30 Listening in the Dark: Paying the Piper. The second of four programmes on cinema music. Philip Dodd finds out what compromises composers have to make
9.55 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Symphony Orchestra under Arturo Tamayo. James Dillon (Helle Nacht; Ignis Noster)
10.45 Night Waves: Richard Coles reports on the first night of Theatre Clwyd's production of Tennessee Williams's *The Rose Tattoo*
11.30-12.30am Music Restored: Utrecht 94. Andrew Manze introduces an all-Beethoven recital given at last year's Holland Early Music Festival by Dutch fortepianist Ronald Brautigam. Beethoven (Eight variations on Grétry's *Une fièvre brûlante*, 15 Variations and Fugue on an original theme, Op 35, Eroica: Sonata in C, Op 53, Waldstein)
1.00-1.50 Night School: Primary RE: Islam **1.30** Infant History

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day: With the Rev Patrick Baker **6.30** Today incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: (0171) 580 4444
10.00-10.30 News; New England and Back (FM only): Peterborough
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 From Plato to the Present (LW only): Alan Howard reads from Aristotle's *Ethics*
10.30 Woman's Hour: Introduced by Jenni Murray Serial. *An Awfully Big Adventure* by Beryl Bainbridge (7/8)
11.30 States of Mind: All in the Mind. Prof Anthony Clare investigates dream research
12.00 News; You and Yours. With Dare Brehan
12.25pm Quote . . . Unquote: Neil Mullarkey, Jennifer Patterson, Arlon Rodgers and Ann Thwaite join Nigel Rees **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One. With Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: A Sea Change. See Choice
2.30 Richard Baker Compares Notes: Richard Baker talks to the Indian-born composer Priti Paintal
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Robert Dawson Scott reads David Lodge's new novel *Therapy* about a TV sitcom writer in a mid-life crisis and sees *Video Positive* at the Tate, Liverpool
4.45 Short Story: Paradise Place. Brigit Forsyth reads Judith Cutler's story
5.00 PM With Chris Lowe and Linda Lewis
5.45 A Party Election Broadcast: By the Conservative Party **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The House: Third episode of Christopher Lee's six-part political satire. With Julian Glover and Peter Kelly (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Cutting the Apron Strings: See Choice **8.00 Science Now:** Presented by Georgina Ferry (r)
8.30 The Network: Alun Lewis looks at electronic money. Is your cash safe in cyberspace?
9.00 In Touch: Magazine for people with a visual handicap
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: A Child Possessed. The final part of R C. Hutchinson's story, abridged and read by Geoffrey Beevers
11.00 Mediumwave: With Joanna Coles
11.30 Derek Cooper's Necessary Pleasures (FM only). Derek Cooper travels to Malaga, the old herring capital of Europe (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only)
12.00-12.45am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.45** As World Service (**LW only**)

RADIO 1: FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2: FM-88-90.2. RADIO 3: FM-90.2-92.4. RADIO 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6; LW 198. RADIO 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LONDON RADIO: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. CAPITAL: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: FM 94.9; WORLD SERVICE: MW 648kHz/463m; LW 198Khz (12.45am-6.55am). CLASSIC FM: FM-100-102. VIRGIN: MW-1215, 1197, 1242 kHz. TALK RADIO: MW 1089, 1053kHz. Listings by Peter Dear, Linda Galloway

Baresi stands the test of time in Europe



ROB HUGHES
Overseas Football

There are two types of winner at this game, two ways to leave an indelible imprint on football, two definitions of reward. At the Pasadena Rose Bowl last July, a couple of contemporary Italian greats, Roberto Baggio and Franco Baresi, were pictures of abject despair after missing the penalties that cost Italy the World Cup; two of the Brazilians cavorting around them were Romario and Bebeto.

What a difference nine months can make. The four have since come back to the stresses and strains, the highly-remunerated profession, of the European league game.

Romario, sated with riches and vulnerable to celebration, left Rio de Janeiro late for the new season, stayed around Barcelona long enough to terminate Manchester United's interest in the European Cup and nagged Johan Cruyff, the coach, until agreed that there was no point in trying to revive the player's appetite, no option but to sell him to Flamengo in Rio.

There, with side attractions on the beach, with more money to buy condominiums than he can handle and with a much-publicised divorce case, Romario has flitted in and out of the team. Flamengo thought that they had bought the catalyst to win, at the very least, the Rio state championship. Romario, having missed a month through "injury", returned on Sunday, missed an easy chance and disgruntled spectators as Flamengo lost 4-3 to Fluminense.

Bebeto, his World Cup scoring partner, has decided that his second season with Deportivo La Coruña, a second season likely to finish as bridesmaid in the Spanish league, is wear and tear enough. He is to join Kashima Antlers, a club that has become a Brazilian enclave in the Japanese J-League. The fee is £3 million, but it takes Bebeto, a player of stealth and opportunism, out of the demanding European area before his time.

Baggio, having had serious knee surgery, is on the threshhold of an Italian treble: the *Serie A* title, the Italian Cup and the Uefa Cup, with Juventus. However, Juventus must negotiate with Baggio. Either he goes or he stays, and the question concerns money. His salary is three billion lire, which is around £1.2 million. Juventus, on an "austerity drive", are willing to offer him new terms, but "only" at two billion lire.



Baggio: pay cut

Baresi, never a forward and never in his boyhood expected to reach the heights of any of the others, is the only one of the four whose future is settled. AC Milan have just drafted another year, the eighteenth, on his contract. He will be 35 next Monday and is the ageing emperor of defence, losing a yard or two of that gliding pace, but rugged enough, experienced enough and apparently hungry enough to go on and on in the highest league in the world.

Baresi will not be asked to sign for less than £500,000, and that is a basic salary, assuming that Milan do not win, as they have five times with Baresi in the side, the Italian league, or, of course, the European Cup.

He will lead the team in that final in Vienna later this month — and that, more than 600 senior games for one club, with 81 internationals for the *Azzuri*, comprises a career of almost unrivalled longevity in the land of the lire.

It is the more remarkable when you consider his size (5ft 9in and 11st) and consider that he was orphaned early in adolescence and rejected around that time. He had aspired to follow Guiseppe, his older brother, to Internazionale, but Inter took the older brother, kept him for 15 years of his playing career, and yet somehow rejected Franco.

Yet at Milan he has won everything, afforded everything, built, with his wife, a company selling fine shoes and used his own redoubtable boot either to stop the world's most gifted forwards, or to pass them by as he, more than any player in the modern era, turns defence into attack. The powers may be waning, but footballers with any brain know the secret: the body slows, but the brain speeds up.

N Zealand upheld in rules fight

THE San Diego Yacht Club conceded defeat in its battle against Team New Zealand's America's Cup challenge over the question of whether crews could change keel, rudder and rig configurations after racing starts on Saturday (Barry Pickthall writes).

The New Zealanders had threatened to invoke the three-race programme set out in the 100-year-old Deed of Gift governing the Cup if Dennis Conner's defence crew insisted on the change of rules. The final is to be a best-of-nine series.

Arguments continue on whether Conner can replace *Stars & Stripes* with Kevin Mahaney's rival defence candidate, *Young America*.

☐ David Adams, of Australia, took class honours in the BOC Challenge solo round-the-world race. His 50ft yacht, *True Blue*, completed its circumnavigation at Charleston, South Carolina, in 131 days 5 hours, more than ten days faster than the previous best.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FA Carling Premiership
Wimbledon v Liverpool (7.45)

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Barnsley v Oldham (7.45)
Watford v Charlton (7.45)

Second division
Birmingham v Bradford (7.45)
Bournemouth v Shrewsbury (7.45)
Crewe v Hull

Third division
Chesterfield v Carlisle
Scarborough v Walsall

Vauxhall Conference
Southport v Telford (7.45)
Stalybridge v Macclesfield (7.45)
Yeovil v Welling (7.45)

Bob Lord Trophy
Final, second leg
Kettering (1) v Bromsgrove (4)

Bell's Scottish League
Premier division
Celtic v Partick

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Leek v Cheltenham; Rushden and Diamonds v Dorchester; Trowbridge v Sittingbourne (7.45) Southern division: Ashford v Newport (IoW); Bashley v Witney; Braintree v Burnham; Erith and Belvedere v Poole; Fisher 93 v Baldock; Weston-super-Mare v Margate. Midland division: Ilkeston v Tamworth; Redditch v Rothwell

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Colwyn Bay v Morecambe; Frickley v Matlock. First division: Bamber Bridge v Lancaster; Farsley Celtic v Caernarfon; Fleetwood v Harrogate Town; Warrington v Workington

KONICA LEAGUE CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Llansantffraid v Holywell (7.45).

SKOL MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Chelmsley v Alvechurch Villa, Kings Heath v Handsworth Timbers, Knowle v Meir KA; Wellesbourne v Bloxwich; West Midland Fire Service v Otton Royals

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Kingstonian, Grays v Chesham (7.45); Hitchin v Dulwich (7.45); Marlow v Molesey; Sutton United v Hayes; Yeading v Wokingham First division: Basingstoke v Leyton; Billericay v Aldershot Town, Chertsey v Staines; Dorking v Bognor Regis Second division: Egham v Chalfont St Peter; Hemel Hempstead v Hungerford; Leatherhead v Witham, Thame v Tilbury, Ware v Banstead, Windsor and Eton v Oxford City Third division: Canvey Island v Tring, Cove v East Thurrock; Epsom and Ewell v Bedford Town; Harefield v Horsham, Hertford v Leighton, Lewes v Feltham and Hounslow; Southall v Harlow

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barlangsde v Tower Hamlets, Beaconsfield Sycob v Brook House Corinthian Casuals v Cockfosters

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Arlesey Town v Buckingham Athletic; Harpenden v Milton Keynes Potters, Bar v Royston, Shillington v Biggleswade, Welwyn Garden City v Brache Sparta. O'Brien Butchers Trophy: Final: Langford v Totternhoe

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Boldmere St Michaels v West Midlands Police; Pershore v Stapenhill, Rocester v Shepshed D

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City v Brighton, Chelsea v Crystal Palace (at Kingsfman FC, 7.0), Tottenham v Swindon (at Witney Town FC)

PONTINS LEAGUE (7.0 unless stated) First division: Coventry v Everton; Derby v Tranmere, Notts City v Nottingham Forest, Rotherham v Manchester Utd Second division: Manchester C v Blackpool (6.45); Sheffield W v Huddersfield

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Great Yarmouth v Wisbech; Hadleigh v Felixstowe Harwich and Parkeston v Diss; Tiptree v Woodbridge, Watton v Soham; Wroxham v Stowmarket

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bradford Park Avenue v Chadderton, Eastwood Hanley v Nantwich

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: East Ham v Basildon.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Senior first division: Old Tenisonians v Old Suttonians

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Ferryhill v Tow Law, RTM Newcastle v Hebburn

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Aerostructures v Portsmouth, Thatcham v BAT.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Oakwood v Hailsham, Southwick v Arundel

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Stotfold v Spalding

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Denaby v Sheffield, Hucknall v Hallam; North Ferriby v Maltby

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Beckenham v Folkestone, Dartnith v Tuntondge Wells, Deal v Herne Bay; Furness v Slade Green, Thamesmead v Corinthian.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Knowles Cup: Semi-final: Sussex v Hertfordshire (Goldstone Road, 7.45) English Snickers Trophy: Under-16: Semi-final: St Michael's, Hertfordshire v Denefield, Berkshire (Northwood FC, 7.0)

RUGBY UNION

Tour match
Madrid County v Scotland XV (at Comunidad Stadium, Madrid, 5.0)

CRICKET

11.0, 55 overs

Benson and Hedges Cup

FENNER'S: Combined Universities v Essex

STOCKTON: Durham v Nottinghamshire

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Middlesex

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Glamorgan

CANTERBURY: Kent v Somerset

LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Minor Counties.

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Worcestershire

GLASGOW (Hamilton Crescent): Scotland v Yorkshire

THE OVAL: Surrey v Sussex

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Lancashire

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three). Chester-le-Street: Durham v Glamorgan Chelmsford: Essex v Derbyshire Oakham: Leicestershire v Yorkshire North Perrott: Somerset v Gloucestershire Cheam: Surrey v Middlesex. Hove: Sussex v Lancashire. Knowle and Dorridge: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire

OTHER SPORT

TENNIS: Men's and women's satellite tournaments (Edinburgh).

THE SKY'S NO LONGER THE LIMIT.
ITV
7.45 PM
WED 3RD MAY 1995.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

MENDACILOQUENT

(b) Speaking lies, with a slight distinction from *mendacious* which means lying without necessarily opening your mouth. A newspaper article can be *mendacious* but not *mendaciloquent*, except figuratively.

VALETUDINARIAN

(b) An invalid and, in particular, an imaginary invalid or hypochondriac. From the Latin *valetudo* health, somebody obsessed about health. "No, I am sorry, we do not want to discuss the Bible on our doorstep with two complete strangers. In any case, we are both valetudinarians. So good-day . . . unless you would care to make a donation."

DECOCTION

(a) The Superior Person's name for soup. Literally, it means anything prepared by boiling something in water to extract its essence. From the Latin *decoctus* having been cooked.

MARCHPANE

(b) The superior term for *marzipan* which comes from the German. *Marchpane* comes from the French word for the ancient sweetmeat made from pounded almonds and sugar, and made up into small cakes or moulded into ornamental forms. The etymology is wild, the wildest suggestion being that it comes from the medieval Latin *matapanus*, a Venetian coin bearing a figure of Christ on a throne, sounding like the Arabic *mauthaban* "a king that sits still", and conjectured to have been used by the Saracens as a derisive name for this coin.

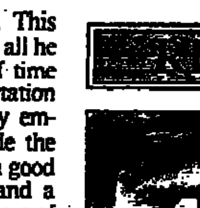
SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. . . . Qf2+!: 2. Qxf2 Rh5+!: 3. Bxh5 g5 mate.

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Time-travellers should never be two-timers



Matthew Bond

Now, where are we? Is this day six of the BBC's great financial crisis or day seven? As I scanned last night's schedules, an old rhyme kept coming back to me. You know the one: "The first of May, the first of May, endless repeats begin today."

Actually, I'm being unfair on Auntie. There weren't any repeats last night, it just felt like it. And anyway things were no better on ITV. After the dramatic heights with *Prime Suspect* on Sunday, it was reduced to showing leftover episodes of *Boon*. Can it be long, I mused, before John Birt emerges ("we're saved, we're saved") from the vaults clutching some carefully hidden episodes of *Harry*? I think it could.

But while we await the arrival of BST (Birtian Summer Time — "another chance to see a classic episode of…") it is time to bid farewell to one of the deservedly popular successes of our all too brief spring, **Goodnight Sweetheart** (BBC 1). There was only one problem. The last episode, last night, was dire.

All the good work of Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran's scripts — the wit, the charm, the cleverness — disappeared in a puff of weak slapstick and crude innuendo. It was as if Nicholas Lyndhurst had popped down Ducketts Passage and found himself back in *Only Fools and Horses* rather than 1941. And not a very funny episode at that.

Puzzled and distressed, I scanned the credits. Had the great pair, as they are occasionally prone, delegated the writing to a minion? They had not. Curiouser and curiouser.

The clue to the problem, I believe, was the anguished look with which Gary (Lyndhurst) closed the episode, as he wrestled yet again with the choice between Phoebe (Dervla Kirwan) and Yvonne (Michelle Holmes). This was all very charming when all he was enjoying was a spot of time travel and an innocent flirtation with Phoebe, but since they embarked on the game of hide the doodlebug, things have got a good deal more complicated — and a good deal less funny. Lightness of touch and infidelity, albeit the time-warped variety, do not sit easily together, even in the best of scripts.

Crucially, the final episode saw only a brief appearance from Ron (Victor McGuire) whose touching faith in his philandering friend's ability to move from 1941 to 1995 is not only very funny but very important. If Ron can suspend disbelief, so can we. If he stops or disappears, so might we. Marks and Gran must have a good long think before bringing the show back for another series. But I hope they do. After all, we may have only six days to go until VE-Day. They've got four years.

It surely won't be long before time travel features in **The Outer Limits** (BBC 2), which returns regenerated and refreshed, after 30 years, to boldly go where all sci-fi clichés have gone before. "Do not attempt to adjust the picture," warns the familiar menacing voice: "for the next hour we will control all that you see and hear." Not on public sector broadcasting, you won't. Without any advertisement breaks, the BBC manages to get the whole thing over in 45 minutes, for which we should all be grateful.

Just as with ghost stories, television science fiction thrives on its clichés and *Blood Brothers* did not stray from the well-trodden path. Two brothers — one good, one bad; one handsome, one not; one with Huntington's chorea, one without; one engaged in genetic research, one hoping to profit from it.

It was, it must be said, a little difficult to keep tabs on precisely what the boffin brother was researching. It started off, I think, as a cure for civil unrest, with the unfortunate side-effect of killing 80 per cent of the animals it came into contact with. Bad enough news for rebellious humans, definitely a bummer for laboratory monkeys. But one small modification later and it was curing cancer like there was no tomorrow. "It's a broad spectrum, wonder drug," cried the triumphant brother, clearly a man who wouldn't recognise a side-effect if it bit him in the neck: "Nobody in the world will ever be sick again."

Of course, the mad, bad and sick brother (played by a suitably deranged looking Martin Kemp) got his hands on the drug and, of course, the side-effect was getting old terribly fast. From nought to a wrinkled, shrivelled husk in under a minute, I made it. If this was the outer limits, I'd hate to see the short cut.

Drugs also featured large in **Minders** (BBC 2), but these were definitely not of the wonder variety. Instead, they were the cocktail of drugs by which psychiatrists at the Springfield Hospital, in London, treated the manic depression (or bipolar affective disorder, as it is called these days) of Valerie Smartt. They turned her from a sharp, funny ("I haven't got acute psychosis, I've got a cute face"), intelligent woman, into a dribbling, slurring zombie. If it was brave of Smartt, who clearly enjoyed talking to the camera more than she did to psychiatrists, to agree to the programme's transmission, it was just as brave of the psychiatrists, who must know that such treatments cry out for knee-jerk censure.

At 38, Smartt lived alone in a south London flat. Her favourite record began with the line "She lives a lonely life…". Her problem was playing it continuously for three days at full volume.

One last thing: aren't psychiatrists getting young these days? The junior doctor treating Smartt looked about 15. The only thing that confirmed his status as a full-time employee of the National Health Service was the huge, black bags under his eyes.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (15460)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (10263869)

9.05 Kilroy (s) (1521395)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7435802) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r). (Ceefax) (1687734) **10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick** (s) (4381598)

12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (9152666) **12.05 Pebble Mill** (s) (5233463) **12.50 Regional news** and weather (15677918)

1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (68802)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (27757604) **1.50 Going for Gold** with the affable Henry Kelly (s) (23157640)

2.15 Columbo: Forgotten Lady. The shabby sleuth investigates an ageing actress who turns to murder when her plans to make a comeback are thwarted. Starring Peter Falk and Janet Leigh (r). (Ceefax) (806260)

3.50 Monty (s) (3328840) **3.55 Fieval's American Tails** (r) (s) (1449869) **4.20 Watt on Earth** (r) (s) (7154482) **4.35 Maid Marian and Her Merry Men** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1294647)

5.00 Newsround (7667208) **5.05 The Lowdown**. A profile of ten-year-old Sameer Pimpalkhare, a bright, intelligent young man with cerebral palsy (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1935956)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (815024)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (11)

6.30 Regional news magazines (63)

7.00 Do the Right Thing. Terry Wogan is joined by former judge James Pickles, Janet Street-Porter and Steve Wright (s) (3444)

7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (47)

8.00 A Question of Sport. For the last in the series David Coleman, Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined by Mike Gatting, Kate Staples, Mark Hughes and Nick Skelton. (Ceefax) (s) (2192)

8.30 Hi-De-Hi! Classic holiday camp comedy series (r). (Ceefax) (1227)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2937)

9.30 Party Election Broadcast by the Conservative Party. (Ceefax) (s) (493173)

9.35 NEW **News 45: VE-Day**. The news of 50 years ago delivered in today's style by Sue Lawley and BBC reporters. (Ceefax) (169579). **Wales:** Week in Week Out (652802) 10.15 News 45: VE Day (346014) 10.30 What Did You Do in the War, Auntie? (71821) 11.30 Omnibus (298173) 12.20am Welsh FA Cup semi-final (6809845) 12.50-2.25 Film: Shag (2486116)

9.50 CHOICE **What Did You Do in the War, Auntie?** (Ceefax) (400395)



Musician Dave Stewart relaxes (10.50pm)

10.50 CHOICE **Omnibus: Dave Stewart — Greetings from the Gutter.** (Ceefax) (s) (901840)

11.40 FILM: Shag (1989) starring Phoebe Cates, Scott Coffey and Bridget Fonda. A beach party movie in which three friends try to persuade a fourth not to marry her dull fiancé. Directed by Zelda Barron. (Ceefax) (939314) **1.15am Weather** (4959574)

BBC2

6.20 Open University: Learning and Doing Maths (7461598) **6.45** Learning for All: Learning to Care (7760227) **7.10** Education (4753531) **7.35** Data Modelling — The Wood from the Trees (1158227)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (7519734) **8.15 Westminster On-Line with Sir Bernard Ingham** (s) (7633096)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children **10.00-10.25** Playdays (1698840) **2.00** Philbert the Frog (12582482) **2.05** Hairy Jeremy (12581753)

2.10 San Marino Grand Prix (r) (3759376)

2.50 Miniature Worlds. A young hedgehog on a nocturnal safari in a suburban garden (r) (2064753)

3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster with Nick Ross** (s) (6343579) **3.55 News** (Ceefax) and weather (3325753)

4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (76)

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook. Innovative recipes (60)

5.00 Racing from Ascot. For the first time, the BBC are covering an evening jump meeting. Julian Wilson introduces live coverage of the **5.30, 6.00** and **6.30** races (s) (38113956)

6.45 Heartbreak High. (Ceefax) (s) (304685)

7.30 East: The Black Pakistanis. A profile of the Makranis, descendants of black African slaves, who live in Karachi. (Ceefax) (s) (89)



British textile designer Jo Barr (8.00pm)

8.00 NEW **Taking Liberties: The Artists' Story.** John Ware investigates the stealing of artists' work. (Ceefax) (s) (4014)

8.30 Monte Carlo Rally 95. Highlights (s) (9869)

9.00 Fist of Fun. Comedy lifestyle series. (Ceefax) (s) (7109)

9.30 CHOICE **Meat: Recipe for Survival?** (651173)

10.10 The Enemy Within. Ludovic Kennedy talks to Professor Anthony Clare about his 20-year depression and how he conquered it (751734)

10.30 Party Election Broadcast by the Conservative Party. (Ceefax) (s) (342376)

10.35 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (990869)

11.20 The Late Show with Tracey MacLeod (s) (861043) **12.00 Weather** (8401883)

12.05am Modern Art. *The Colonial Encounter* (6828970)

12.30 Computer-Aided Design. *Analysis* (81680)

1.30 The Record. The day in Parliament (s) (73512). Ends at **2.00**

5.00-6.00 The Royal Institution Lectures. John Collier, chairman of Nuclear Electric, on "Nuclear Power Plant safety — What's the Problem? (15512)

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CHOICE



Joseph Koetle and Dirk Coetzee (ITV, 10.45pm)

Network First: Confronting the Hit-men
ITV, 10.45

Captain Dirk Coetzee used to kill in the name of apartheid. As the officer in charge of the South African secret police's hit squads, he orchestrated the murders of ten political activists. He oversaw the murder of a black lawyer, Griffiths Mxenge, who was stabbed 45 times, had his ears cut off and his watch stolen to make the killing look like a bungled robbery. Now, Coetzee is a member of the intelligence department of the ANC — his one-time enemy. A regular on the chat show circuit, he is booked up with conferences on peace and reconciliation. But should this man, who acted as judge, jury and executioner, really be afforded amnesty in Mandela's new South Africa?

Omnibus: Dave Stewart — Greetings from the Gutter
BBC1, 10.50pm

Dave Stewart is at his happiest showing us how a jar of Colman's mustard on the neck of his electric guitar can make the delta blues. Truth be told, Dave is not really a people person. He lives in a private world — "a cross between a disco in Wigan and the set of *Blade Runner*" — and is susceptible to panic attacks. But, as this profile proves, he does have a story to tell. And his association with Annie Lennox, the other half of the Eurythmics, means that it is a story worth listening to. They were one of the biggest bands of the 1980s, selling 30 million albums worldwide, but the pair grew apart, and the band split.

Meat
BBC2, 9.30pm

Auberon Waugh does not eat quiche. But then, this is the man who has said, "There's no creature alive which we shouldn't eat." Red meat is part of our red-blooded heritage, but its consumption is increasingly under threat from the health lobby. In this four-part series Derek Cooper explores the power of the consumer and its impact on the meat industry — from farming to advertising, animal welfare campaigning and genetic experimentation. Steve Connor, the campaigns director for the Vegetarian Society, is scathing about the Meat and Livestock Commission's new advertising campaign, The Recipe for Love. Describing meat as full of fat and responsible for the death of 700 million animals a year, he wants to call it The Recipe for Disaster.

What Did You Do in the War, Auntie?
BBC1, 9.50pm

At the outbreak of the Second World War, television was closed down. The BBC fought its battle by radio — a war of words and entertainment. The BBC never went off the air — even when Broadcasting House was bombed. This two-part documentary sets broadcasts against newsreel pictures of the time to show how the corporation developed into the People's BBC. It was sometimes an uphill battle against pompous bureaucrats, upset by diversions such as George Formby's *Little Stick of Blackpool Rock*. They were also unsure whether Vera Lynn's sentimentality inspired the troops, or sapped their will to fight. In the end, the board of governors reluctantly relented. The memo stated: "programme deplored, popularity noted".
Richard Johnson

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (4903598) **9.25 Win, Lose or Draw** (8857024) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1682289)

10.00 The Time… The Place (s) (5261024)

10.35 This Morning (86305376) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9141550)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7835208)

12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (7843227) **1.25 Emmerdale** (r). (Teletext) (16544463) **1.55 A Country Practice** (s) (22707109)

2.20 Vanessa. Vanessa Feltz talks to victims of bullying. (Teletext) (s) (20609111) **2.50 Dogs with Dunbar** (2069869) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (Teletext) (1424163) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2874604)

3.30 Allsorts (r) (s) (5485550) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (9038127) **3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being** (r) (s) (7133591) **4.00 Budgie the Little Helicopter** (r) (s) (7169314) **4.15 The Legends of Treasure Island** (Teletext) (s) (2158918) **4.40 Finders Keepers** with Neil Buchanan (s) (4257666)

5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating (1929395)

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (156918)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (808884)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (79)

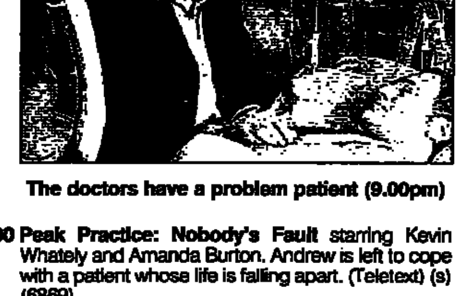
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (31)

7.00 Emmerdale (Teletext) (1840)

7.30 Londoners at War: The Three Volunteers. The second of three programmes commemorating the 50th anniversary of VE-Day. (Teletext) (s) (43)

8.00 The Bill: Damage. A slice of quiche becomes the centre of an investigation into attempted murder. (Teletext) (7260)

8.30 My Good Friend. Comedy starring George Cole and Richard Pearson. (Teletext) (s) (6395)



The doctors have a problem patient (9.00pm)

9.00 Peak Practice: Nobody's Fault starring Kevin Whately and Amanda Burton. Andrew is left to cope with a patient whose life is falling apart. (Teletext) (s) (6869)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (13463)

10.30 Party Election Broadcast by the Conservative Party (339802)

10.35 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (967276)

10.45 CHOICE **Network First: Confronting the Hit-men** (Teletext) (557647)

11.45 Prisoner Cell Block H (546531)

12.45am FILM: On Dangerous Ground (1986) starring Bo Svenson and Janet Julien. A scientist discovers something that could lead to an environmental disaster. Directed by Chuck Bell (619222)

2.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (9222932)

2.55 The Beat (s) (8868390)

3.50 America's Top Ten (s)(24670796)

4.20 On the Live Side featuring Phil Woods and Ron Carter (s) (59485512)

4.30 Videofashion (39680)

5.00 Vanessa (r). (Teletext) (s) (19338)

5.30 ITN Morning News (45116). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Spiff and Hercules (7764043)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (81753)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (23840)

9.30 FILM: On the Riviera (1951) starring Danny Kaye, Gene Tierney and Corinne Calvert. A musical comedy about a nightclub entertainer who is persuaded to pose as an unfaithful husband. Directed by Walter Lang (64679444)

11.10 Profiles Of Nature: The Harp Seal. The first few days in the life of a Canadian harp seal (r) (7916802)

11.35 Cut Out For Love. A comedy short starring Donald Novis (4725444)

12.00 House To House. Political magazine (10376)

12.30 Sesame Street. The guests are Los Lobos (r) (56717) **1.30 Dr Snuggles** (r) (66252276)

1.55 FILM: The Small Back Room (1948, b/w) starring David Farrar. A thriller about a crippled Second World War bomb disposal expert with a drink problem who proves himself a hero. Directed by Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger (15072482). Followed by **Loved Ones**

4.00 Food File (r) (44)

4.30 Fifteen-To-One. (Teletext) (s) (56)

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are children and husbands of women who are alcoholic (Teletext) (s) (8249227)

5.50 Terrytoons. Classic cartoons (775537)

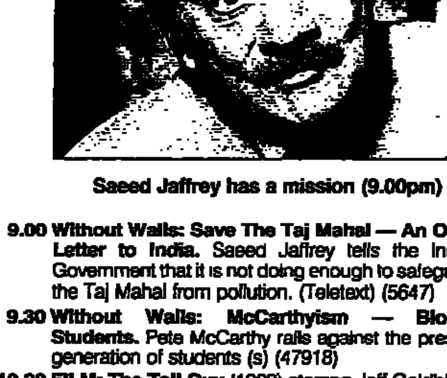
6.00 Babylon 5. American science-fiction drama series. (Teletext) (s) (430289)

6.55 Terrytoons featuring Deputy Dawg (652918)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (900918) **7.50 Loved Ones.** A personal tribute to a Second World War victim (968376)

8.00 Africa Express. Includes Audrey Brown with a special police drugs squad in Malawi. (Teletext) (s) (5802)

8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (4937)



Saeed Jaffrey has a mission (9.00pm)

9.00 Without Walls: Save The Taj Mahal — An Open Letter to India. Saeed Jaffrey tells the Indian Government that it is not doing enough to safeguard the Taj Mahal from pollution. (Teletext) (5647)

9.30 Without Walls: McCarthyism — Bloody Students. Pete McCarthy rails against the present generation of students (s) (47918)

10.00 FILM: The Tall Guy (1989) starring Jeff Goldblum, Emma Thompson and Rowan Atkinson. A risqué comedy about an American actor working in London as a straight man for a comedian who lands a part in a musical version of *The Elephant Man*. Directed by Mel Smith (381208). Followed by **Loved Ones**

11.45 The Kids In the Hall (r) (s) (547111)

12.20am Baroque Duet. A film portrait of jazz trumpeter Wynton Marsalis and the opera singer Kathleen Battle (4017777)

1.50 FILM: Smart Money (1931, b/w) starring Edward G. Robinson and James Cagney. A drama about a man who seeks revenge after being cleaned out in a rigged poker game. Alfred E. Green directs (1592116). Ends **3.20**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.55 Emmerdale (7843227) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (16544463) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (2069869) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1929395) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (997622) **7.30-8.00** Anglia at War (43) **12.40am** The System (636999) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (2762845) **3.15** The Beat (9335357) **4.10** The New Music (9646798)

CENTRAL

As London except: 2.50-3.20 Blockbusters (2069869) **3.25-3.30** Central News (2874604) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1929395) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (997622) **7.30-8.00** Tuesday Special (43) **11.45** Blue Heelers (202376) **12.40am** Night Shift (6770965) **4.20** Jobfinder (3713048) **5.20** Asian Eye (8451845)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (7843227) **1.25** Home and Away (51066550) **1.50** Vanessa (82452014) **2.20** Gardeners' Diary (20609111) **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (2069869) **3.25-3.30** Granada News (2874604) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1929395) **6.25** Granada Tonight (997622) **7.00** Emmerdale (1840) **7.30-8.00** Surprise Gardeners (43) **10.30** Party Election Broadcast by the Conservative Party (339802) **10.35** Granada News (967276) **10.45** Network First (557647) **11.45** Crime Story (546531) **12.45am** On Dangerous Ground (619222) **2.30** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9222932) **2.55** The Beat (8868390) **3.50** America's Top Ten (24670796) **4.20** Jobfinder (3259048) **5.00** Vanessa (19338)

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.55 Emmerdale (7843227) **1.25** Home and Away (16544463) **1.55** Vanessa (83802555) **2.25** Wish You Were Here...? (20608482) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (6744314) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1929395) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (31) **7.30-8.00** West Eye View (43) **4.20am** Jobfinder (3259048)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 2.25-2.55 The 1995 Welsh Fashion Awards (20608482) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (31) **7.30-8.00** The Really Helpful Programme (43)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (1682289) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (9141550) **12.55** Emmerdale (7843227) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (16544463) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (2069869) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (2874604) **5.10** Home and Away (1929395) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Making It Happen (420480) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (79) **6.30-7.00** Good for You (31) **7.30-8.00** A Tale of Four Sea Ports (43) **10.35-10.45** Meridian News and Weather (967276) **12.40am** The System (636999) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (2762845) **3.15** The Beat (9335357) **4.10** The New Music (9646798) **5.00** Freescreen (19338)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (1682289) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (9167598) **12.25-12.30** My Story (9166869) **12.55** Emmerdale (7843227) **1.25** Home and Away (16544463) **1.55** Vanessa (83802555) **2.25** The Young Doctors (20608482) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (2874604) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1929395) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (37531) **7.30-8.00** On the Road to the Islands (43) **10.35-10.45** Westcountry News; Weather (967276) **4.20am** Jobfinder (3259048)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (1682289) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News and Weather / Bilsdale. Network North (9141550) **12.55** Emmerdale (7843227) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (16544463) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (2069869) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bilsdale. Network North (2874604) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1929395) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (345547) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (31) **7.30-8.00** Action Time (43) **10.35-10.45** Calendar News and Weather (967276) **11.45** Obsessed (697668) **1.35am** The Little Picture Show (9846970) **2.35** Sport AM (4840203) **3.35** The Beat (9568951) **4.30** Jobfinder (95338)

S4C

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (81753) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (23840) **9.30** On The Riviera (64679444) **11.10** Profiles Of Nature: The Harp Seal (7916802) **11.35** Cut Out For Love (4725444) **12.00pm** House To House (10376) **12.30** Mr Men (50482) **1.00** Slot Meithrin (84840) **1.30** Hangin' With Mr Cooper (59753) **2.00** The Late Late Show (44734) **3.00** Distant Voices (4173) **3.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show (7675734) **4.20** Terrytoons (9841598) **4.30** Saved By The Bell The New Class (56) **5.00** 5 Pump (6918) **5.30** Fifteen To One (68) **6.00** Newyddion (797260) **6.15** Heno (797111) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (9482) **7.30** Shololau (85) **8.00** Sospan Fach (5802) **8.30** Newyddion (4937) **9.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet (7111) **10.00** Brookside (11005) **10.30** The Best Of The Tube (20753) **11.00** El Diablo (84482)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat Show: Dynamo Duck (4784463) **6.05** Amigo and Friends (4763734) **6.10** Mrs Pepperpot (8695043) **6.30** Peter Pan (81289) **7.00** Mask (14005) **7.30** Wild West Cowboys (26840) **8.00** Power Rangers (68937) **8.30** Blockbusters (67208) **9.00** Oprah Winfrey (54395) **10.00** Concentration (30799) **10.30** Card Sharks (47444) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (44460) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (61024) **12.30pm** Anything But Love (70260) **1.00** The Waltons (27753) **2.00** Matlock (80258) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey (4132685) **3.50** DJ Kat Show (2184579) **3.55** Wild West Cowboys (5948424) **4.30** Power Rangers (7376) **5.00** Deep Space Nine (1869) **6.00** Spellbound (8869) **6.30** Family Ties (2821) **7.00** Rescue (2598) **7.30** M*A*S*H (8005) **8.00** The X-Files (45598) **9.00** Models Inc (25734) **10.00** Deep Space Nine (28821) **11.00** David Letterman (130550) **11.50** The Untouchables (727280) **12.45am** Chances (7781357) **1.30** WKRP (25311) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix (4478864)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (2707444) **9.30** Fashion TV (58840) **10.30** ABC Nightline (78314) **11.00** News and Business (264666) **1.30pm** CBS News (20579) **2.30** Parliament Live (73043) **4.00** News and Business (94376) **5.00** Live at Five (8877937) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (5335647) **7.30** The O.J. Simpson Trial (9934666) **12.30am** CBS News (6430777) **1.10** Richard Littlejohn Replay (8735883) **2.30** Parliament Replay (14899) **4.30** CBC News (35970) **5.30** ABC News (87116)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (9743696) **10.00 Age of Treason** (1993) (81376) **12.00 Summer and Smoke** (1961) (70173) **2.00pm A Wedding on Walton's Mountain** (1982) (19173) **4.00 We Joined the Navy** (1962) (80469024) **5.55 Age of Treason** (1993): As 10am (21101956) **7.30 Close-Up: The Piano** (3173) **8.00 City of Joy** (1992) (40483482) **10.15 Blind Side** (1993) (912227) **11.55 White Sands** (1992) (216840) **1.40am Roommates** (1993) (5317067) **3.10 Sins of the Night** (1992) (9166405) **4.35-6.00 A Wedding on Walton's Mountain** (1982): As 2pm (7686593)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

2.00pm Showcase (15395) **4.00 The Undercover Man** (1949) (97570531) **5.45 The Sundowners** (1960) (45143579) **8.00 Racing with the Moon** (1984) (13096) **10.00 Scandal** (1989) (846685) **11.55-2.00am The Violent Men** (1955)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Prisoner of Zenda (1988) (58734) **7.00 Robin Hood 8.00 Tales of Washington Irving** (1992) (49111) **9.00 Ghost Stories** (1987) (93395) **10.00 That's My Boy** (1951) (89918) **12.00 Groundhog Day** (1993) (30753) **2.00pm The Snow Queen** (1993) (40043) **4.00 Tales of Washington Irving** (1992): As 8am (89444) **5.00 Ghost Stories** (1987): As 9am (4579) **6.00 Stompin' at the Savoy** (1992) (37579) **8.00 Groundhog Day** (1993): As noon (32024) **10.00 Hellbound: Hellraiser II** (1989) (276837) **11.35 Tonya and Nancy: The Inside Story** (1994) (577463) **1.10am Army of Darkness** (1992) (1165067) **2.40 Sodbusters** (1993) (789222) **4.15 Jesse James** (1939) (262406)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (3187956) **7.15** WWF Mania (938519) **8.15** Soccer News (1981043) **8.30** Windsurfing Tour (70111) **9.00** International Cricket Highlights (45821) **10.30** Fish Tales (9925591) **10.45** B & H Cup Cricket. Live: Kent v Somerset (515537) **7.30pm** Soccer News (795482) **7.45** Fish Tales (897314) **8.00** Boots 'n' All (67734) **9.00** The Footballers' Football Show (67598) **10.00** Soccer News (290173) **10.15** Tartan Extra (458208) **11.00** B & H Cup Cricket (67111) **12.00** Boots 'n' All (88406) **1.00am** Tartan Extra (7932390) **1.45-2.00** Fish Tales (3607883)

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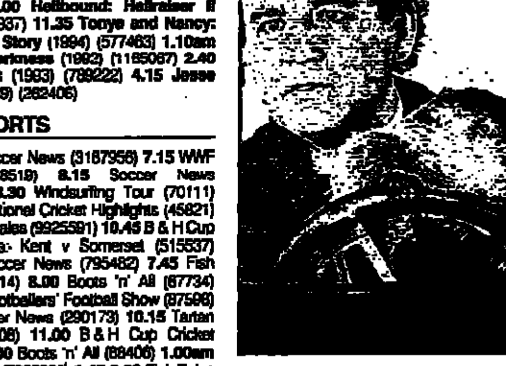
7.30am Eurogolf Magazine (31550) **8.30** Cycling (32531) **9.30** Ice Hockey (30647) **11.30** Football (18573) **1.00pm** Speedworld (15260) **3.00** Live Ice Hockey (819482) **5.30** Football (53598) **6.30** Eurosport News (9289) **7.00** Live Ice Hockey (584821) **10.00** Motors Magazine (47482) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (59357)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (1458734) **8.30** Peyton Place (1457005) **9.00** As the World Turns (9062289) **10.00** Guiding Light (8931208) **11.00-12.00** Another World (8932837)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Globetrotter (1451821) **12.30pm** Boomerang (4699869) **1.00** Trailside (8915250) **1.30** The Restaurant Show (4681840) **2.00** Australian Panorama (7169260) **2.30** Travels in Europe (9246531) **3.00** American Vacation (1104192) **4.00** Sky Travel Guide (9260111) **4.30** Boomerang (9266395) **5.00** Colorado River Adventures (7183840) **5.30** The Restaurant Show (9257647) **6.00** Travels in Europe (9247260) **6.30** Discover America (5738289) **7.30** Australian Panorama (9267024) **8.00** Around the World in 80 Minutes (7189024) **8.30** Sky Travel Guide (7168531) **9.00** Globetrotter (1112111) **9.30** Discover America (3790260) **10.30** Colorado River Adventures (1478598) **11.00** American Trail (1124956) **11.30-12.00** Cruising the Globe (8537734)



Bill Murray in *Groundhog Day* (The Movie Channel, 8.00pm)

TLC

9.00am Martha Stewart Living (7127173) **9.30** Cooking with Kurma (7444918) **10.00** Secret Gardens (8302550) **10.30** Jimmy's (7156685) **11.00** Only Human (1610276) **12.00** Giving the Empire a Lift (7147937) **12.30pm** House Style (7448734) **1.00** Cooking with Kurma (1315424) **1.30** Martha Stewart Living (7447005) **2.00** Brain Sex (6310579) **3.00** Successful Home Video (8860666) **3.30-4.00** Two's Country (5602444)

UK GOLD

7.00am Give Us a Clue (8165901) **7.30** Neighbours (5115886) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7146208) **8.30** EastEnders (7145579) **9.00** The Bill (7129531) **9.30** Sutherland's Law (9105376) **10.30** Angels (85862182) **11.35** Going for Gold (12058647) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7149395) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7440192) **1.00** EastEnders (9515442) **1.30** The Bill (7449463) **2.00** After Henry (8850289) **2.30** Foreign Bodies (5632685) **3.00** Knots Landing (3645208) **4.00** Dallas (3657043) **5.00** Going for Gold (34735550) **5.25** XYZ (34754685) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (1863802) **6.30** EastEnders (5624666) **7.00** Keep It in the Family (6854005) **7.30** Bread (5613550) **8.00** After Henry (8863753) **8.30** The Lenny Henry Show (8842260) **9.00** The Sweeney (2873579) **10.00** The Bill (7140024) **10.30** Top of the Pops (5609550) **11.20** Rory Bremner (8037043) **12.00** Dr Who (9360951) **12.30am** FILM: Anything to Survive (1990) (4021195) **2.10-3.00** Shopping at Night (9306932)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (36550) **7.00** Sonic the Hedgehog (14840) **7.30** Creepy Crawlers (47537) **8.00** Degrassi Junior High (26032) **8.30** Super Mario Brothers (3476444) **8.45** Casper and Friends (3404227) **9.00** Sesame Street (57531) **10.00** Tiny TCC (52227) **12.00** Madeline (14579) **12.30pm** Tiny TCC (47647) **2.30** Barney and Friends (5598) **3.00** Dinobabies (7463) **3.30** Sonic the Hedgehog (9753) **4.00** California Dreams (6550) **4.30-5.00** Degrassi Junior High (5734)

NICKELODEON

7.00am NickAlive including Deep Sea Dick (3185598) **7.15** Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego? (831109) **7.45** Rugrats (586050) **8.15** Grimmy (168482) **8.45** NickAlive (6267966) **9.00** Nick Jr (830260) **12.00** Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego? (89869) **12.30pm** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (18869) **1.00** Smoggies (55376) **1.30** Grimmy (22240) **2.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (5840) **2.30** Galaxy High School (2482) **3.00** The Ferals (1647) **3.30** The Secret World of Alex Mack (4227) **4.00** Grimmy (3734) **4.30** Rugrats (9918) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (6192) **5.30** NickAlive including Ren and Stimpy (3598) **6.00** Rocko's Modern Life (3111) **6.30-7.00** Pete and Pete

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Himalayas (5621579) **4.30** Echidna — The Survivor (5610463) **5.00** Wings of the Luftwaffe (8851918) **6.00** Invention (3337555) **6.35** Beyond 2000 (3402043) **7.30** Deadly Australians (5611192) **8.00** Giants of the Nullarbor (8861395) **8.30** Voyager — The World of National Geographic (8840802) **9.00** Victory in Europe (2864821) **10.00** Endangered World (2874208) **11.00-12.00** Out of the Past (4660591)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Catch Us If You Can (1965) (6319840) **2.00pm** thirtysomething (6307005) **3.00** The Adventures of Robin Hood (8857192) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (5639598) **4.00** FILM: The Truth About Spring (1965) (8868208) **6.00** Get Smart (5628482) **6.30** Police Woman (1522647) **7.30** The Adventures of Robin Hood (5615918) **8.00** thirtysomething (2871111) **9.00** Twin Peaks (2868647) **10.00-12.00** FILM: A Touch of Class (1973) (3639647)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (4156482) **7.00** Living (7748918) **9.00** Indoor Garden (4131482) **9.30** Kate and Allie (5583734) **10.05** Favourite Garden (2426531) **10.35** Susan Powter (70222598) **11.00** Young and Restless (5249192) **11.55** The Simple Programme (89622173) **12.00** Kilroy (6581043) **12.55pm** Mediterranean Cookery (1934173) **1.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (2420918) **2.00** Agony Hour (7338376) **3.00** Living (9770208) **4.00** Infatuation (2810192) **4.30** Crosswits (3281127) **5.05** Th Joker's Wild (75844918) **5.30** Italian Regional Cookery (7656444) **6.05** Te Susan Powter Shw (3317395) **6.30** Brookside (8505111) **7.05** Crosswits (4679798) **7.35** Joker's Wild (6729376) **8.00** Young and Restless (6208005) **8.55** The Simple Programme (7957647) **9.00** FILM: Maid in America (1982) (5810289) **11.00** Brookside (9750444) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (7327531)

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5.00pm Dangermouse (9208) **5.30** Adventures of Black Beauty (9314) **6.00** My Two Dads (6227) **6.30** Catchphrase (7579) **7.00** Busman's Holiday (9444) **7.30** Me and the Boys (6463) **8.00** Stay Lucky (13014) **9.00** Sirens (29598) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (15208) **10.30** Dangermouse (24956) **11.00** Lou Grant (90260) **12.00** Zorro (91357) **12.30am** Me and the Boys (49406) **1.00** Trivial Pursuit (45864) **1.30** Rhoda (88067) **2.00** Sirens (29086) **3.00** Lou Grant (72951) **4.00** Rhoda (32425) **4.30-5.00** Zorro (66357)

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5.00am Awake (24715) **6.30** The Grind (70918) **7.00** 3 From 1 (4950753) **7.15** Awake (5064869) **8.00** VJ Ingo (751289) **11.00** Soul (11753) **12.00** Greatest Hits (24444) **1.00pm** Afternoon Mix (33192) **2.00** 3 From 1 (52488802) **2.15** Afternoon Mix (4003666) **3.00** Cinematic (5504260) **3.15** Afternoon Mix (8602774) **4.00** MTV News (6545753) **4.15** Afternoon Mix (6535376) **4.30** Dial MTV (7192) **5.00** Worst of Most Wanted (1866) **5.30** Music Non-Stop (62821) **6.30** MTV Sports (9937) **7.00** Greatest Hits (92444) **8.00** Guide to Alternative Music (13032) **9.00** Worst of Most Wanted (74550) **9.30** Beavis (25173) **10.00** MTV News (734192) **10.15** Cinematic (739647) **10.30** Real World (26314) **11.00** The End? (96753) **12.30am** The Grind (41864) **1.00** The Soul of MTV (12357) **2.00** Night Videos (8091116)

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SPORT

Widnes tackles RFL over Super League exclusion

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

IT WAS a decision made with the wisdom of Solomon and the patience of Job. Widnes and Keighley would disagree with that, and with another assertion yesterday by Jack Robinson, the Wigan chairman, that rugby league can end its agonising and go forward with a streamlined Super League.

Widnes is prepared to take its case to the courts. It is the main victim of the Super League hokey-cokey. First in, then out, in the latest shake-it-all-about. Keighley, too, still has an argument for inclusion as the second division's champion club, but not quite as convincing.

In arriving at a 12-team European Super League, with two English leagues, of 11 and ten teams, below it, the Rugby Football League (RFL) has turned full circle from the original idea of an elite league of a dozen sides and feeder set-up which sprang from a meeting of club representatives about summer rugby on April 5, when the bidding began at £30 million.

Much of the feuding of the past four weeks might have been spared, but rugby league's sale after a century has realised a final price of £87 million. All parts of the estate, even family heirlooms such as Featherstone Rovers, Wakefield Trinity and Hull, which the game would have consigned to ill-conceived conglomerates, are being kept in their entirety.

Although far from Utopia, the game has reached the sunlit upper pastures from fiscal nirvana in a remarkably short time. Two U-turns and an about-turn on one of these — the decision on Sunday to go small on the size of Super League rather than big — have brought a workable compromise, for all the shambolic navigation in arriving there.

Casualties are fewer, but Widnes is threatening the RFL with a writ if not reinstated to Super League by noon today. Jim Mills, the club chairman, said: "We're the only ones to be thrown out. We were out initially, told to merge with Warrington, put in on our own merit and have been chucked out again. It's a farce."

THE LEAGUES

SUPER LEAGUE: Bradford Northern, Castleford, Halifax, Leeds, London, Oldham, Paris, St Helens, Sheffield, Warrington, Wigan, Workington Town.
FIRST DIVISION: Batley, Dewsbury, Featherstone Rovers, Huddersfield, Hull, Keighley Cougars, Rochdale Hornets, Salford, Wakefield Trinity, Whitehaven, Widnes.
SECOND DIVISION: Barrow, Bramley, Carlisle, Chorley, Highfield, Hull KR, Hunslet, Leigh, Ryedale-York, Swinton.

Widnes has spent £350,000 on new contracts for players, including John Devereux, the Wales back, on the strength of a Super League place. Keighley is pressing ahead with a claim for damages over its exclusion at the High Court in Leeds tomorrow, and is also angry that it and other second division clubs are to receive proportionately less money in the new first division than Widnes and three of the other existing first division teams which drop down.

The mess, however, is considerably less than it was before the majority vote at Huddersfield by club chairmen. Twelve teams will ensure that the most positive aspects of a Super League — putting quality before quantity of games and lessening the demands on players — are in place for the launch next March.

For all that, it is a case of back to the future — the three-division system was discarded in 1993 after two seasons — the teetering club structure now has a huge financial buttress supporting strong and weak alike. After the furore over mergers and the possibility of a breakaway by leading clubs about an extended Super League, the new proposal was the right course of least resistance.

The moral high tone taken over rugby league's deal with The News Corporation, the parent company of *The Times*, ignored the sport's dilemma. Without two brass farthings to rub together, it was going nowhere and is now heading somewhere. The most regrettable aspect was the players' cattle market and resentment at the get-rich-quick bidding war between the Australian Rugby League and Super League.

There is a ceasefire on that battleground, as the two factions in Australia edge towards the peace that must, inevitably, break out. If the lessons are absorbed by the British game, then the public relations of the past four weeks might not seem such a disaster.

A truncated season will run from August to January, with Paris joining Super League for the 1996 season beginning on March 29. Super League clubs will share £10.8 million per season, first division clubs £5 million and second division clubs £1.5 million.

□ Newcastle United Football Club has confirmed its interest in forming a rugby league side, although a place in the new first division rather than in the Super League is the more likely outcome.

Senior clubs to fight restriction on 'foreigners'

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE Rugby Football Union (RFU) faces a backlash from its senior clubs after introducing legislation to restrict the number of "foreign" players involved in its domestic competitions. The new legislation comes into force on Sunday, but the Senior Clubs Association (SCA), which meets on May 14, is certain to oppose what it sees as artificial and unhealthy restrictions.

The RFU accepted last week the view of its competitions sub-committee, supported by the coaching committee, that no more than two players qualified for countries other than England should play in the Courage Clubs Championship and the national knock-out competitions next season. In 1996-97, the number will be reduced to one, which would, in fact, be the same as Ireland permit.

The move has been made at the request of the England management, which is concerned at the growing number of players appearing in first- and second-division rugby who have opted to play for the other home unions. The ban, however, will not be retrospective, so that clubs with non-England internationals already on their books, or firmly registered for next season, will not be affected.

In their long-term recruitment, however, English clubs will be forced to look to their own resources unless the SCA forces a change of heart. They are already disappointed at the lack of consultation with the union and the first-division clubs will discuss what action they can take at Moseley on May 14, before the association's annual meeting. "We are quite appalled by the decision," Frank Gibbon, the chairman of the SCA, said yesterday. "I can't understand why the RFU have not been prepared to talk further about this and they appear to be working from figures which have been taken to extremes. What the association will decide I don't know, but it would be open to us, for example, to withhold the use of our grounds — if they want to treat us like children, we may behave like children."

The exceptions to the legislation are London's three exiles clubs, who may benefit from the ban, but Kieran McCarthy, the secretary of London Irish, admitted that his club believes the ban to be discriminatory. "We would have to disagree in principle, though it would help us if established players coming to the UK were barred from going to clubs whose quota was full and came to us instead," he said. "It's another kick in the backside for the old amateur ethos, too, which is about free will. I have to admit that players over here spread the gospel about first-division rugby, which is higher than the standard of first-division rugby in Ireland."

However, the RFU is confident, having taken legal advice, that the new rules will withstand a challenge in the courts, both as regards race relations and civil liberties.

It will apply to players appearing at either senior or A level in Scotland, Ireland or Wales, and English administrators believe that they have the support of their opposite numbers in the other home unions, who dread the thought of losing their better players — role models for the next generation — to England and the effect that would have on their own league structure.

"We had to face the danger that we could get a major part of the Scottish or Irish squad playing in England, which would be very unsatisfactory," Dudley Wood, the secretary of the RFU, said. "We are not stopping them playing here, because they have the exiles clubs, or they can play non-competitive rugby."

Bath spring cup surprise

BATH have dropped John Mallett and Graham Dawe, England World Cup squad members, for the Pilkington Cup final against Wasps at Twickenham on Saturday (David Hands writes). They prefer Kevin Yates and Gareth Adams.

John Hall, the captain, who has a damaged shoulder, is chosen even though he was unable to train last night.

BATH: J Callard; A Swift, P de Glanville, J Guscott, A Adebayo, M Catt, I Sanders; K Yates, G Adams, V Ubogu, J Hall, M Haag, N Redman, A Robinson, B Clarke.

ANDREW VARLEY



Darren Gough, the England fast bowler, on the way to confirming his fitness by taking seven for 28 for Yorkshire against Lancashire at Headingley yesterday

Kent deprived of pace pair

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

IT HAS not taken long for the worst fears of Kent supporters to be realised. Martin McCague and Alan Igglesden, the county's first-choice attack, who rarely appeared in tandem last season because of injury, will both be absent from the side to play Somerset in the Benson and Hedges Cup at Canterbury today.

McCague is suffering from a side strain while Igglesden is troubled by neck and back problems. They are expected to be out for two weeks. Tim Wren and Julian Thompson deputise.

Richard Montgomerie, who took a career-best 192 off a Kent attack featuring McCague during Northamptonshire's victory in the first round of county championship matches, retains his place against Worcestershire. Montgomerie, left out for the opening Benson and Hedges group game at Derby, is preferred to Malachy Loye.

Neil Mallender, the fast bowler who rejoined Northamptonshire from Somerset at the end of last season, will be out of action for at least another fortnight after a groin operation. Tom Moody has recovered from a back injury and is in the Worcestershire side.

Wasim Akram, the Pakistan all-rounder, who was at home in Karachi when Lancashire won their first two group matches, against the Minor Counties and Leicestershire, makes his first competitive appearance of the season against Warwickshire at Edgbaston. Lancashire decided not to take disciplinary action against Wasim when he arrived at the weekend and he played in the one-day "friendly" against Yorkshire on Sunday. John Crawley and Neil Fairbrother, who both missed the four-day defeat by Yorkshire with finger injuries picked up against Leicestershire, are also recalled.

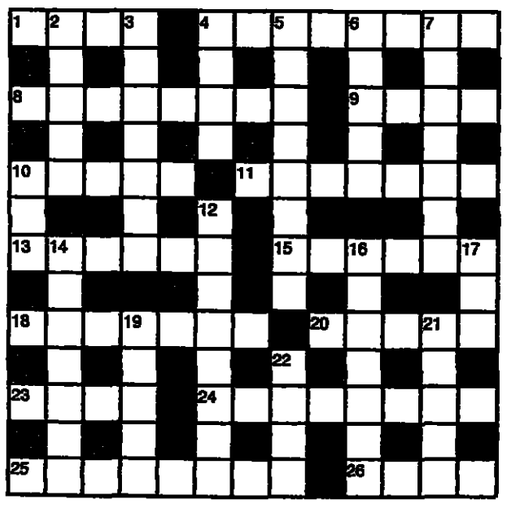
Paul Smith, who won the gold award for Warwickshire in the final of the competition last season, is included in the squad for the first time this summer. Smith, the county's beneficiary this year, is competing with Graeme Welch for the all-rounder's place. Michael Burns will continue to deputise behind the stumps for the injured Keith Piper.

Hugh Morris, the Glamorgan captain, may lead his side for the first time this season against Hampshire at Southampton. Morris, who has had a back problem, has been added to the team that defeated Somerset in the championship match at Taunton on Sunday, along with Steve Barwick and Gary Butcher.

Leicestershire may be forced to use Phil Robinson as an emergency wicketkeeper in the meeting with the Minor Counties at Grace Road. Paul Nixon, the first-choice wicketkeeper, is out with a broken finger and Phil Whitticase, his deputy, is doubtful after being hit in the face during the championship win over Essex. Whitticase needed stitches and has had seven teeth removed.

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8 Drink (a bit too much) (4,1,3)
9 Curtain (4)
10 Adolescent years (5)
11 Sleeping place (7)
13 Security duty (6)
15 Abscond (6)
18 Cambridge (Mass.) Univ. (7)
20 Supporting beam (5)
23 Look after: incline (4)
24 Billboard (8)
25 NY theater street (8)
26 Fool; drug (4)

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2 Throw with effort (5)
3 Remover of dirt (7)
4 Botch; hand-warmer (4)
5 Awkward to handle (8)
6 Stay still in the air (5)
7 Unvarying; outfit (7)
10 Best; a toy (3)
12 Four-unequal-line humorous verse (8)
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16 Full of people (7)
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FA to examine Sherwood's elbow

BY PETER BALL

TIM SHERWOOD, the captain of Blackburn Rovers, the FA Carling Premiership leaders, may face a disrepute charge for the incident that left Don Hutchison, of West Ham United, with a broken nose in their bad-tempered 2-0 defeat at Upton Park on Sunday.

Although Kelvin Morton, the referee, took no action, television showed Sherwood elbowing Hutchison. The Football Association reacted quickly and examined a tape of the incident yesterday.

"There is some concern about the game, which is why we watched the tape, and we are mainly interested in the Sherwood incident," Mike Parry, the FA press officer, said yesterday. Morton's failure to take action suggests that he did not get a clear view of the incident and leaves it within the FA's province.

A suggestion that David Batty, another Blackburn player, would also be investigated for a tackle in the game, which left stud marks high on Ian Bishop's thigh and earned Batty a booking, was dismissed by the FA.

However, Parry added: "There is no way that we would want to do anything to contradict a referee's decision, but we are concerned about the spirit in which a game is played and we will monitor those two incidents for what they reveal about the way one team [Blackburn Rovers] approached that game."

If Sherwood is charged, as seems inevitable, and found guilty, he could face heavy punishment. Paul Davis, of Arsenal, was fined £3,000 and suspended for nine games in 1988 for breaking Glenn Cockerill's jaw, albeit with a punch, in a match with Southampton.

The FA has had some difficulty with flying elbows since the unfortunate courtroom comment that "you can see such things 200 times a week," by Graham Kelly, the FA's chief executive, on the elbowing incident involving Gary Blissett, the Brentford forward, which ended the career of John Uzzell, the Torquay United defender, in 1992. The misuse of elbows has since become one of the game's most pressing problems and this time the FA may feel the need to act.

Sherwood has had a chequered season. He appeared set for a three-match ban at the end of February for reaching 41 disciplinary points, but an appeal persuaded Mike Reed, another referee, to reduce his booking against Norwich City from a four-point offence to two points and he escaped. Sherwood's suspension, when it was imposed at the end of March, cost him only one game.

Although Kenny Dalglish, the Blackburn manager, will be reluctant to admit it, his team have had a fairly comfortable ride from critics and referees so far this season by comparison with their closest challengers, Manchester United, but that may be changing. Indeed, recent performances suggest that their discipline is cracking as the pressure grows.

Leeds United yesterday denied reports that they are about to be sold to Richard Thompson, the chairman of Queens Park Rangers. "There is no substance to the reports," Bill Fotherby, the managing director of Leeds, said.



Sherwood: elbow

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